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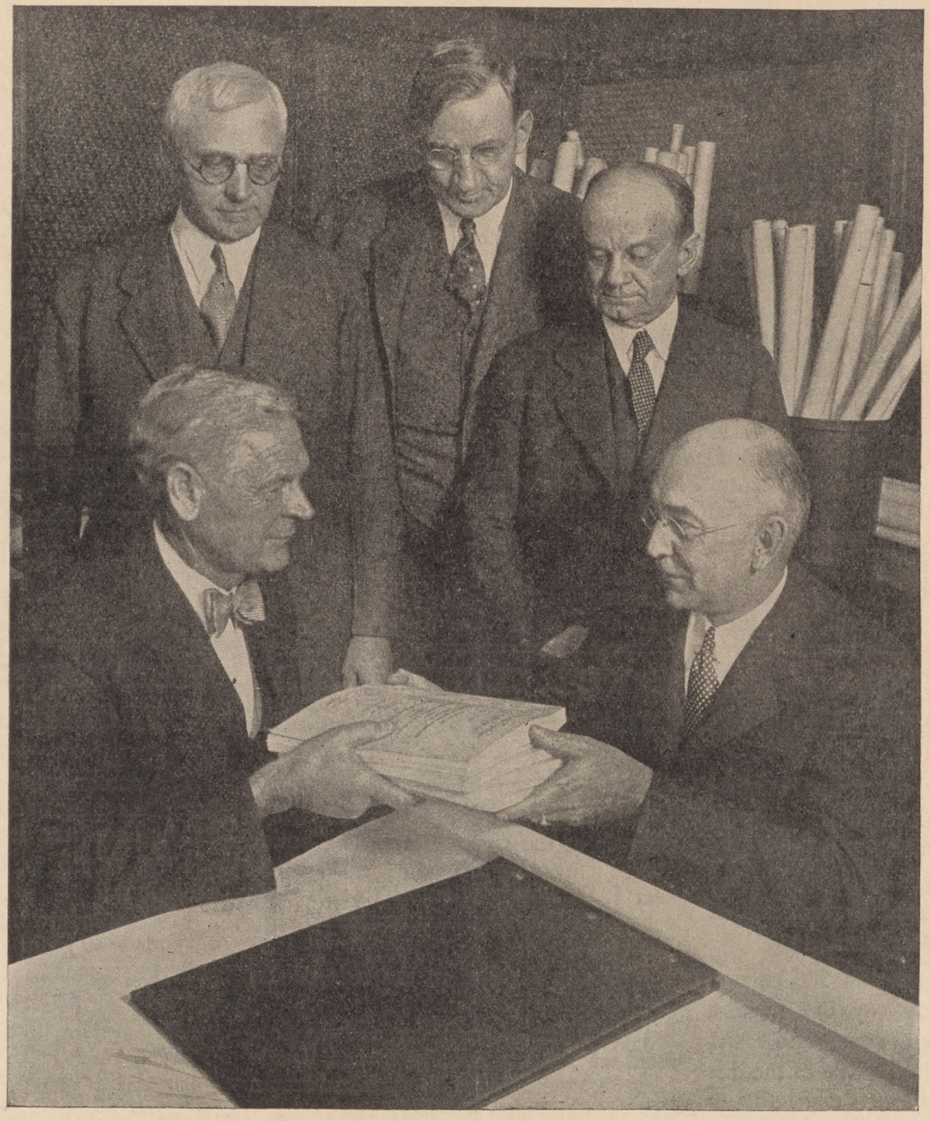

## AN HISTORIC MOMENT

**The Weymouth report which resulted in selection of the "Parker Route" for the Metropolitan Water District Aqueduct is handed by Chairman W. P. Whitsett (seated left) to Thaddeus Merriman (seated right), head of Board of Review. Standing, left to right: Chief Engineer F. E. Weymouth, Consulting Engineer R. R. Lyman, and A. J. Wiley.**

# National Convention Public Ownership League, Los Angeles, Sept. 28-30

SEPTEMBER 28, 1931—write that date on your cuff.

On that day the men who are actually "re-making America"—the great national leaders whose heroic fights and gigantic victories for public ownership in the "four corners" of the country have made them prominent, will assemble in Los Angeles for the three-day annual convention of the Public Ownership League of America.

Among those expected to be in attendance are United States Senators Geo. W. Norris of Nebraska and Hiram W. Johnson of California.

Others expected are Carl D. Thompson, Chicago, editor and publisher of PUBLIC OWNERSHIP Magazine; J. D. Ross, chief engineer, of Seattle, whose discharge recently caused the recall of Seattle's mayor; R. E. McDonnell, consulting engineer, Kansas City, Mo.; Willis J. Spaulding, Springfield, Ill., president of the League; Samuel Carlson, mayor, Jamestown, N. Y.; Charles E. Russell, publicist, Washington, D. C.

William H. Holly, Chicago; Kenneth Harlan, Portland, Ore.; W. T. Rawleigh, manufacturer and philanthropist; E. F. Scattergood, chief engineer, Los Angeles; Louis Bartlett, San Francisco; Homer T. Bone, Tacoma, Wash.; Franklin P. Wood, Denver, Colo.; John A. Lapp, economist, Marquette University; Franklin Hichborn, publicist, San Francisco; Father John A. Ryan, Catholic University, Washington, D. C.; Daniel W. Hoan, Milwaukee, Wis., and many others.

An important part of the convention program is scheduled trips both to Boulder (Hoover) Dam, and to the Los Angeles city aqueduct and power plants in Owens Valley. The trip to Boulder Dam will be via Union Pacific Railway, which company will offer special reduced rates.

The annual convention of the Public Ownership League of America in Los Angeles has particular significance because of the fact that it will develop a national picture of public ownership accomplishments and programs at a time when battle lines for the approaching Presidential election are being drawn. The convention will do much to bring to the foreground the importance of public ownership, undoubtedly destined to be one of the major issues of the national campaign.

The delegates will hear addresses on public ownership power projects connected with Muscle Shoals, St. Lawrence River, Ontario, and Boulder Dam. The necessity for changing the law so that bond issues on self-supporting public utilities need but a majority instead of a two-thirds vote will also be raised.

Not a dull moment will occur at the convention. Special committees to exhibit to the visiting delegates the beauties of Southern California are being arranged to augment the trips to Boulder Dam and Owens Valley.

Delegates will be reminded that the Fiesta de Los Angeles, celebrating the city's 150th anniversary, will start September 9, and that by coming early this most remarkable of civic celebrations may be enjoyed.

It is expected at the convention to so focus attention of the major political parties on the public ownership issues that neither Democratic or Republican conventions will even think of omitting progressive planks on public ownership from their platforms next summer.

## L. A. POWER BOARD IS ACCUSED OF BETRAYAL

The Los Angeles city council's water and power committee, composed of friends of public ownership, is investigating "betrayal" charges made against the water and power board by residents of Palms, Venice and Mar Vista.

Sixteen organizations and 500 citizens of these sections of the city, in a petition to the council, accuse the water and power department of advising people of the districts named who apply for city lights to "go to the Southern California Edison Company."

As the city has distribution systems in Palms, Venice and Mar Vista and could serve these applicants, the board is accused of attempting to divert revenue from the city department to the pockets of the private power company.

**Boost for Colorado Aqueduct Bonds**

## "POWER TRUST" MAYOR RECALLED AT SEATTLE

Principles are mightier than mayors.

When Mayor Edwards of Seattle, apparently at the command of the "power trust," summarily dismissed Chief Engineer J. D. Ross, the voters rose in their wrath and dismissed him at a recall election this month.

Ross was a thorn in the side of the "power trust."

His efficient management and development of the municipally owned Seattle power system for over 20 years had beaten the "power trust" at every turn.

So the order went out, "Ross must go." The mayor was obliging and Ross went—but not for long. Just long enough for the voters of Seattle to get an opportunity to have their say in the ballot box. Then Mayor Edwards "went" for good, and today J. D. Ross is back at his desk with plans to make the Seattle publicly owned power system bigger and better than ever.

## WHAT HAPPENS WHEN PROFITS ELIMINATED

The domestic lighting rates in Winnipeg, since the introduction of public ownership, have been reduced as follows:

1906—20c k. w. h. (private company operation).

1907—10c k. w.h.; reduced 50 per cent when law to build municipal plant was passed by council.

1911—7½c k. w. h. (municipal plant under construction).

1912—3½c k. w. h. (municipal plant in operation).

1922—3c k. w. h. (municipal ownership operation).

Yet there are those who, with ulterior motives, say that the people are not intelligent enough to operate their own public utilities! The savings to the people of Winnipeg brought about by municipal ownership amount to about $3,000,000 a year.

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# Monthly Conference Public Ownership Leage

## *To Be Held July 22 at the Clark Hotel*

THE HONORABLE HOMER T. BONE, attorney for the port of Tacoma and one of America's outstanding orators and advocates of public ownership, will be the principal speaker at the monthly conference of the Public Ownership League, July 22, at the Clark Hotel, Hill between Fourth and Fifth Streets, Los Angeles.

Dr. John R. Haynes, dean of Los Angeles public ownership defenders, will act as presiding officer at the morning conference, and the Honorable Charles M. Amidon, former United States Circuit Court judge, will be chairman of the reception committee.

The conference will open with a morning session starting at 10:30 a. m. in the banquet room on the second floor. This session will take the form of a round table discussion of California's public ownership projects, including construction of the Colorado River aqueduct.

At 12:20 o'clock a luncheon will occur in the ladies' room on the second floor of the hotel, at which the Honorable Homer T. Bone will deliver the principal address on the "White Salmon Steal," or "The Looting of the Public Domain." This will not be a speech about "fish," as the title might indicate, but a discussion of a gigantic "power trust" gouge. The Honorable Frank Taggart, mayor of Glendale and president of the Public Ownership League of California, will preside. Mr. Bone will be introduced by Judge Harlan Palmer, editor and publisher of the Hollywood Daily Citizen and one of California's outstanding public ownership advocates.

At 12:30 p. m. the round table conference will be continued in the banquet room, with E. M. Scofield, former Los Angeles Water and Power Commissioner, presiding. This discussion will be led by Homer T. Bone and will center around "public ownership financing."

The seating capacity at the banquet is limited to 150 guests, and those who contemplate attending are urged to telephone reservations immediately either to the Public Ownership League, MUtual 5887, or the Hotel Clark, FAber 4121.

### HE SPEAKS

**HOMER T. BONE, outstanding public ownership advocate, who speaks at conference July 22.**

## Onward March of Public Ownership Proves Sound Business Practice

The time-worn argument that "government is not capable of managing business" advanced by privately owned public utilities is falling before the onward march of history.

Nearly all municipal water plants in this country today are publicly owned and operated. Water is delivered to users free from profit and free from elements that would injure public health. Nearly 7,000 cities, towns and villages in the United States today own and operate their own water plants.

More than 1,250 cities, towns and villages own and operate their own power plants. Cleveland, Ohio, is a typical example. The Cleveland publicly owned power system was started when the private power trust was gouging the public 15 cents per kilowatt hour for electricity. The municipal system went into operation with a rate of only 3 cents per kilowatt hour and has maintained that rate ever since, finding it sufficient to pay all operation costs, and retire bonds and principal. It is estimated that over $1,000,000 yearly is saved the people of the Ohio city, and probably a greater saving realized outside the city due to forcing the "power trust" to reduce rates in that area.

The largest of all municipal projects is in Los Angeles, where rate payers are saved in excess of $3,000,000 yearly.

Cities are now turning their atttention to cutting the profits from the gas bills and over 100 municipalities now own and operate their own gas plants and distribution systems.

In the face of these facts the old argument that "government is not capable of managing business efficiently" is becoming ridiculous.

## "WOLF! WOLF!" BUT HE BRINGS HOME BACON

In an effort to stem the tide of public ownership of public utilities that is sweeping America and cutting the electric light bills of the nation in half, the "power trust" is now raising the hue and cry of "Socialism."

In a speech recently before the Pacific Coast Electric Association, W. C. Mullendore, vice president of Southern California Edison Company, declared:

"The destruction of public confidence in and good will toward the privately-owned electric utilities . . . is a first step because the saboteurs recognize that until that is destroyed the people will not accept Socialism in this industry."

It might properly be pointed out to the speaker that the private companies' own greed is the cardinal factor in destroying that confidence. It is rather difficult for the average man to remain enthusiastic about the "power trust" when he sees publicly owned power being offered him for less than half what the privately-owned utility asks.

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## PEOPLE VICTORIOUS IN L. A. CONTEST

Will John C. Porter, mayor of Los Angeles, accept the verdict of the voters? That is the predominant question in the "City of Angels."

Los Angeles voters repudiated their "power trust controlled" Board of Water and Power Commissioners overwhelmingly at an election June 2, and, as this is written, are watching intently for the next move the mayor who appointed them. Meantime threats of recall are heard on every side, and public ownership leaders are "girding their loins" for battle.

The situation was this: Mayor John C. Porter appointed to the Water and Power Board, a commission of five, three members whom public ownership advocates declare to be unfriendly to the very principles which they are supposed to put into operation. They are Commissioners Strassburger, Brooks and Johnson.

### "FIRE" MOODY

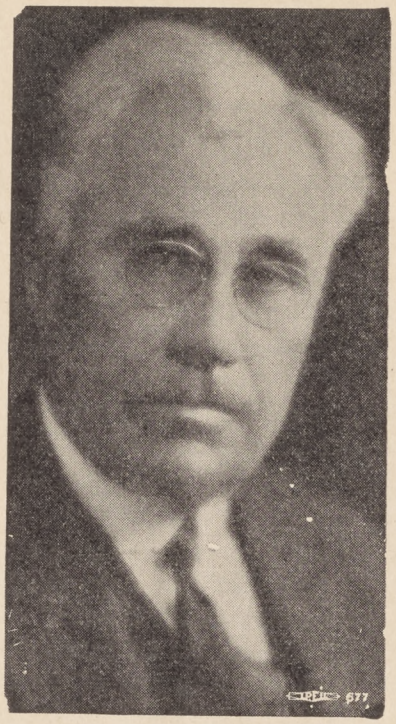
These men have blocked construction of an emergency steam power plant, and they "eliminated" from the service Burdette Moody, for many years business agent of the Los Angeles Bureau of Power and Light. First, Moody was summarily dismissed. That brought a storm of protest, followed by a civil service commission trial. The Strassburger-Brooks-Johnson testimony as to reasons for Moody's discharge were held insufficient and he was ordered reinstated.

"But," say public ownership friends, "Moody was too militant a competitor of the Southern California Edison Company and he had to go, civil service commission or no civil service commission."

### JOB ABOLISHED

So Messrs. Strassburger, Brooks and Johnson eliminated the energetic business agent by the simple procedure of abolishing the position of business agent. The June election was approaching and the voters turned their attention to that group of councilmen who had confirmed Mayor Porter's appointments of Commissioners Frank H. Brooks and O. T. Johnson, Jr.

## NEW PRESIDENT



**CHARLES H. RANDALL, swept to presidency of Los Angeles Council by public ownership victory.**

These confirmations were made over bitter protests of public ownership advocates and the guilty councilmen were charged with having played their part in an attempt to wreck and discredit the city's municipally owned bureau of power and light. Vacancies for the two men under fire had been made when the mayor forced from the Water and Power Commission two warm friends of public ownership, Harlan G. Palmer and E. M. Scofield. The ousted commissioners "took the stump," and the entire campaign waged around the one issue.

When the smoke cleared away, the "guilty councilmen," with two exceptions, were defeated, even including Win J. Sanborn, president of the council. The victory was spectacular in view of the fact that huge sums of money were spent by the incumbents' campaign managers, whereas their public ownership opponents were "broke" most of the time. The Los Angeles Water and Power Defense League, public ownership organization, at times even found it necessary to pay headquarters rent for some of them, in addition to supplying literature and workers.

When the council took office, Charles H. Randall, former congressman and veteran champion of public ownership, was elected president, despite a terrific drive by "power trust lobbyists" to seat another.

### DEMAND REMOVAL

Almost immediately a council committee waited upon Mayor John C. Porter and demanded removal of Water and Power Commissioners Strassburger, Johnson and Brooks. The mayor replied that he was willing to remove them if the council would submit evidence to justify it, and at the same time appointed what is known as the "Mayor's Whitewash Committee" of citizens to investigate the situation.

The council determined that no whitewashing shall be done and appointed its own "fact-finding" committee for the express purpose of developing testimony to justify the mayor in living up to his promise. That committee is preparing to hold open hearings as this is written.

Meantime the steam plant waits. And Burdette Moody waits. And the voters wait. And the mayor waits. But—printers are oiling up their presses, getting ready to run off the recall petitions.

## WISCONSIN LEADS PROGRESSIVES AGAIN

Once again Wisconsin, under the able leadership of another La Follette, is in the vanguard of progressivism with a program eventually calling for state ownership and operation of public utilities.

Governor Philip F. La Follette proposes the following steps to attain his objective.

1. Passage of law limiting contracts between municipalities buying power from private companies to five years instead of ten, as at present. This law would enable municipalities to buy power directly from the State whenever it becomes available.

2. Passage of law permitting municipalities to enter into competition with private power companies without securing permit from the State regulatory body. The present law prohibiting duplication of power lines would be abolished.

3. Enactment of constitutional amendment (already adopted by legislature and scheduled for popular vote in 1932) abolishing the present limit on bonded indebtedness of self-supporting bonds. The limit of bonded indebtedness which may at present be incurred is 5 per cent of the tax value. It is so small that municipalities cannot finance the purchase of large private utilities.

4. By the time the municipalities had thus been granted unlimited leeway, the administration plan would organize publicly owned municipal utilities into districts for the purpose of manufacturing and selling power to users outside of the municipalities' own city limits.

5. By the time these four "preliminary steps" are completed it is planned to have constitutional amendments already passed empowering the State to own and operate public utilities.

## PUBLIC OWNERSHIP MEANS INCREASE OF INCOME TO L. A.

Public ownership in Los Angeles has taken the profits formerly paid to the "power trust" and handed them to the people by decreasing light and power bills.

Public ownership of electrical production in Los Angeles saves each family two weeks' pay per year!

Public ownership has raised the standard of living for Los Angeles people. It has cut the cost of living and left more money to spend for other things. The spending of this money has furnished employment for others.

If all the necessities of life were produced under public ownership, the millions of dollars that now go out in profits to the few who own the trusts would be paid out in increased wages and decreased cost of merchandise. The people would have more money to spend, which would give them more of the things of life and would put the unemployed to work making these things.

One way that the benefits of public ownership can be extended is by voting for construction of the Colorado River aqueduct.

## SAFETY FIRST MOVE MADE AT BOULDER DAM

Inducements are being offered for the preservation of human life at Boulder (Hoover) Dam. Col. Perry W. Weidner, president of the Florence Nightingale Institute of Honorables, announces that the institute will offer six honorary fellowships annually to foremen of construction who report the fewest fatalities.

## EDISON OFFICIALS GET EXTRAVAGANT SALARIES

One of the best possible arguments for public development, ownership and operation of the nation's hydro-electric resources is advanced by the Southern California Edison Company itself. It takes the form of a report to the California Railroad Commission of salaries paid company officials.

Super-men are not required in the production of electric energy. It is a simple process. As simple as grinding wheat into flour. But huge remuneration is paid these officials and the money comes from exorbitant rates charged power users to whom Los Angeles municipally owned electric energy is unavailable.

Here are a few of the fancy salaries paid Edison Company officials, according to the Railroad Commission report:

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| John B. Miller, Chairman | $72,000 |
| R. H. Ballard, President and Manager | 51,500 |
| G. C. Ward, Executive Vice-President | 36,000 |
| Roy V. Reppy, General Counsel | 30,000 |
| Fred B. Lewis, Assistant Manager | 21,000 |
| H. A. Barry, Chief Engineer | 18,000 |
| E. R. Davis, Manager of Construction | 16,200 |
| D. M. Trott, Vice-President | 15,036 |
| W. L. Percey, Vice-President | 12,000 |
| B. F. Pearson, Industrial Relations | 12,000 |
| Clifton Peters, Secretary | 11,400 |
| W. C. Mullendore, Vice-President | 16,500 |
| W. H. Davis, Civil Engineer | 12,000 |
| H. C. Stinchfield, Chief Surgeon | 12,000 |

## Wins Fight for Lower Rates

Fred Wheeler, real estate dealer in Hudson, N. Y., and a member of the Public Ownership League, has been battling for many months, almost single handed, for lower light and power rates in that city. He has finally won in the battle and the New York Power and Light Corporation has filed a new schedule of rates, which, it is said, will cut the cost of light and power in Hudson nearly $30,000 a year.

## HOOVER DAM NOW UNDER CONSTRUCTION

Widespread interest throughout the country is being manifested in the building of the Hoover Dam, work upon which is now under way. This mammoth dam is undoubtedly the greatest construction feat of modern times.

The Hoover Dam will, when completed, rise to a height of 727 feet above foundation rock and be approximately 950 feet wide along the crest. Its thickness will be 650 feet at the base, ranging to 45 feet at the extreme top. Into the construction of this great dam there will go 19,000,000 pounds of reinforcement steel and 5,500,000 barrels of cement.

When completed the Hoover Dam will create a lake containing over 30,000,000 acre feet of water. An acre foot of water will cover an acre of ground one foot deep. The water in this great reservoir, when filled, would cover an area ten times the size of the State of Connecticut one foot deep.

The artificial lake will be 115 miles in length, with a maximum width of about 8 miles. Because of its meandering shape its shore line will be several hundred miles, and it is expected that this great artificial lake will become one of the most popular tourist resorts in the world because of its beautiful surrounding scenery and its salubrious desert climate.

A large proportion of transcontinental tourists to and from Southern California will want to stop off and view this great dam in its making. Las Vegas, Nevada, is the rail head from which the dam must be visited. Las Vegas is located on the main line of the Union Pacific system between that point and Salt Lake City, and all transcontinental trains over that route stop at Las Vegas. This is the only route traversing that territory and the Union Pacific has built a branch line of about 25 miles from Las Vegas to Boulder City, the headquarters for the dam building forces.

In addition to the Hoover Dam there are numerous scenic attractions near Las Vegas which may be reached by automobile. These include the Lost City of Nevada, Mount Charleston resort, Arrow Canyon, Valley of Fire and the Prehistoric Salt Caves.

## Elected to Loveland Council

Charles Viestenz, who has been so active from the beginning in making a great success of the municipal light and power plant in Loveland, Colo., has recently been re-elected to the city council of that city. The power companies gave bitter fight against Mr. Viestenz because of his known interest and active service in behalf of municipal ownership. But he was elected nevertheless and goes back to the service of the city.

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## TULARE MOVES TO BUY EDISON CO.'S SYSTEM

Tulare, thriving California city, has moved officially to buy the Southern California Edison Company's power distribution system. On July 1 the city council passed a resolution authorizing the board of public utilities to open negotiations with the private power concern for purchase of all distribution lines and facilities within the city.

A survey recently completed by Lee S. Straub places a valuation of $238,000 on the system, and it is pointed out that a saving of $100,000 annually to the citizens and municipality will result. It is planned to purchase the power at established wholesale rates from the Edison Company.

If the board of public utilities cannot reach an agreement with the Edison Company on price, the city plans to start condemnation proceedings and request the California Railroad Commission to arbitrarily establish the valuation, which it is empowered under the law to do.

When Tulare takes over its own power distribution it will be the nineteenth California municipality, the largest of which is Los Angeles, to join the municipal ownership family of the State.


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## Angeleno Asks President to Stop Boulder Dam Work

**Andrae Nordskog, president of the Southwest Water League, is in Washington with a demand that the Federal Government stop work on construction of the Boulder Dam.**

**Nordskog, conferring with Commissioner of Reclamation Dent and E. C. Finney, solicitor of the Interior Department, contended that the dam should not be built until the voters of Southern California had authorized a $200,000,000 bond issue with which to build the aqueduct. The bonds, he contends, will not be approved by the various Southern California cities interested, and therefore the Federal Government would have to look to sources other than sale of water for operating funds.**

## CENTRALIA, WASH., BUILDS OWN PLANT

After a number of years of purchasing power at an average cost of nearly two cents per kilowatt this city is now building its own generating plant. In 1928 the average price paid was 1.91 cents per kilowatt hour. This, of course, was prohibitive, yet in the face of it Centralia resold this energy and paid off all its bonds and built a $60,000 city hall and had a surplus of practically $400,000 at the beginning of 1929. And these results were achieved on rates below those of the private power companies in adjacent territory.

The above facts were submitted by Kenneth Harlan of the firm of Carey & Harlan, public utility consultants of Tacoma and Portland.

## LANCASTER, O., PLANS MUNICIPAL PLANT

There is a movement on in the city of Lancaster, Ohio, for a publicly owned light and power plant. Naturally it is being fought bitterly by the private interests, especially the Ohio Power Company.

The city council of Lancaster recently passed a resolution authorizing T. B. Cox, director of public service, to retain an engineer for the purpose of making a survey as to the possibilities of a municipally owned electric light and power plant.

## SUPREME COURT RULES AGAINST ARIZONA SUIT

The last obstacle to construction of Boulder (Hoover) Dam was removed when the Supreme Court of the United States ruled against Arizona in her attempt to block the project on the contention of states' rights.

Arizona claimed the Colorado River does not fall under jurisdiction of the Federal government because it is no longer a navigable stream. The court ruled that it was once navigable, that navigation was stopped by the forming of silt, that construction of the dam will stop the silt, and that by removing the silt already in the river below the dam the river can again be made navigable. It also held that the dam itself will form a large lake which will be navigable.

Arizona's contention that the Federal government should obtain a permit for constructing the dam from that State was overruled on the ground that the point of construction is in the center of the river, which is under Federal control and beyond State police power control.

The court dismissed the Arizona suit "without prejudice" as to issues that may arise later when the dam is in use and water actually being diverted to other States, especially California. It was developed at the hearing that water appropriations already outstanding will control only one-half of the average flow of the river. Of present appropriations Arizona will receive 3,500,000 acre feet, with a possibility of obtaining 9,000,000 acre feet additional by bringing additional lands under cultivation.

The 9,000,000 acre feet additional would place nearly 3,000,000 acres of Arizona land under cultivation. If Arizona turns itself to that gigantic task, an unprecedented era of growth and prosperity for that State will almost certainly result.


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## MUNICIPAL OWNERSHIP SENTIMENT GROWS IN SAUGERTIES, N. Y.

Mrs. A. V. G. Thomas, who joined the Public Ownership League about a year ago, has recently renewed her membership and purchased an extra supply of public ownership literature with which she proposes to help arouse and inform her friends and neighbors. She has been distributing literature of this kind during the last year with splendid results. Feeling runs high on public ownership, she writes, spurred by the prohibitive rates that are being charged by the local gas and electric companies.

The electric companies charged 22 cents for electric power, according to Mrs. Thomas, and $2.00 a thousand cubic feet for gas. The gas, she understands, is made from coke, and costs only 18 cents per thousand cubic feet.

Due to these excessive rates, quite a sentiment has been stirred up against the private companies and a demand for municipal ownership is growing. The women's club has become intensely interested, and one woman has already been elected to the city council and now there is talk of replacing four other councilmen with two women and two men. Taxation is excessive and dishonest, Mrs. Thomas believes, and the graft in street work is an open scandal here as elsewhere.

Mrs. Thomas lives part of her time in St. Petersburg, where the city owns all of its utilities, and as a result she knows what municipal ownership can do for a city where the people are really awake to its possibilities.

## THINKS LEAGUE DOES WONDERFUL WORK

"I personally think," writes Roy L. Black, former attorney general of Idaho, "that the Public Ownership League is carrying on a wonderful work. If the public only knew the facts, I think there would be no question but that in a short time the power trust would be broken up and cities would be operating their own utilities, and keeping the proceeds at home."

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The city of Monroe, Ga., asked for a reduction in rates from the private power company serving the town. The company said it would grant the reduction and the newspapers say there has been a reduction. As a matter of fact, however, the rates have been increased from 8 to 15 per cent.

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Chelsea, Okla., has recently refused to sell its municipal plant.

## LINCOLN, NEB., TO KEEP MUNICIPAL GAS STATION

The International News Service recently reported that Lincoln voters decided to continue the ownership and operation of the municipal gasoline station. It is said to be the only station of its kind in the country. An effort was made to repeal the charter amendment which permitted the operation of the station, but the voters refused to repeal the amendment almost two to one. Independent gasoline dealers led the fight for repeal, claiming unfair competition.

## HOLLYWOOD DAM IS UNSAFE, SAYS REPORT

The following story appeared in the Long Beach Sun of July 16:

"The Mulholland dam, which looks down upon the center of the Hollywood business district and towers above homes of the film community, rests on a 'live' earth fault and should be abandoned.

"This was the sensational finding of a special board of two eminent engineers and a prominent geologist after weeks of study of the city built structure, it was authoritatively learned today."

## SECRETARY THOMPSON ON THE RADIO AGAIN

At the invitation of Winfield H. Caslow of the Main Street Crusade, Secretary Carl D. Thompson of the Public Ownership League is delivering a series of radio talks each Tuesday evening on some phase of the public ownership question.

On Tuesday, June 23, Mr. Thompson spoke on 'Public Ownership and Its Relation to the Present Crisis and General Prosperity." On Tuesday evening, June 30, his address was on "Public Ownership and Its Relation to the Main Street Crusade."

These radio talks were given over WJKS and WCHI of Chicago.

## LITCHFIELD LIGHT PLANT IS SUCCESS

J. C. Bang, superintendent of the municipal light, power, heating and water plant of the little city of Litchfield, Minn. (population 2,790), has recently submitted his annual report for the year ended April 7, 1930.

All of the utilities seem to have made a splendid showing and the total gross earnings from the four plants amount to $80,827.70. The net earnings for the year amounted to $32,646.52.

It is interesting to note that this net earning includes a considerable amount of free service such as street and white way lighting, fire protection, sewer lift, etc., for which no bills are rendered.

The average generating cost per kilowatt at the switchboard was 2.69 cents. Deducting the net earnings from the steam heating and water department from the operating disbursements, the cost per kilowatt at the switchboard was 1.76 cents.

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## VOTES NOT TO SELL CITY-OWNED SYSTEM

By an overwhelming vote of 5 to 1, the people of Kanab, Utah, recently voted not to sell its municipally owned light and power system to one of the private power companies.

The usual drastic methods were used by the private power company in trying to persuade the people to sell their plant. However, facts and information regarding the advantages of retaining the plant were brought to the attention of the leading citizens of Kanab, with the result that the proposal of the power company was overwhelmingly rejected.

So Kanab still remains on the list of towns owning their own plants.

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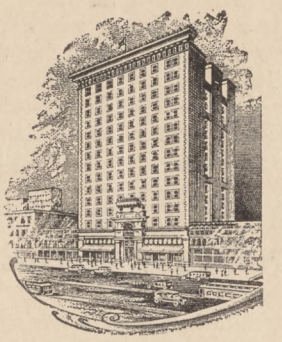

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EDWARD A DICKSON
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5. No responsibility attaches to this company concerning messages until the same are accepted at one of its transmitting offices; and if a message is sent to such office by one of the company's messengers, he acts for that purpose as the agent of the sender.
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Accepted up to 2:00 A.M. at reduced rates to be sent during the night and delivered not earlier than the morning of the ensuing business day.

Night Messages may at the option of the Telegraph Company be mailed at destination to the addressees, and the Company shall be deemed to have discharged its obligation in such cases with respect to delivery by mailing such night messages at destination, postage prepaid.

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A deferred day service at rates lower than the standard telegram rates as follows: One and one-half times the standard night letter rate for the transmission of 50 words or less and one-fifth of the initial rates for each additional 10 words or less.

SPECIAL TERMS APPLYING TO DAY LETTERS:

In further consideration of the reduced rate for this special Day Letter service, the following special terms in addition to those enumerated above are hereby agreed to:

A. Day Letters may be forwarded by the Telegraph Company as a deferred service and the transmission and delivery of such Day Letters is, in all respects, subordinate to the priority of transmission and delivery of regular telegrams.

B. This Day Letter is received subject to the express understanding and agreement that the Company does not undertake that a Day Letter shall be delivered on the day of its date absolutely, and at all events; but that the Company's obligation in this respect is subject to the condition that there shall remain sufficient time for the transmission and delivery of such Day Letter on the day of its date during regular office hours, subject to the priority of the transmission of regular telegrams under the conditions named above.

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Half-rate messages are subject to being deferred in favor of full rate messages for not exceeding 24 hours. Must be in language of country of origin or of destination, or in French. This class of service is in effect with most European countries and with various other countries throughout the world. Full particulars supplied on application at any Western Union Office.

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For plain-language communications. The language of the country of destination may be employed, if the Cable Letter service is in operation to that country. Subject to delivery at the convenience of the Company within 24 hours if telegraphic delivery is selected. Delivery by mail beyond London will be made if a full mailing address is given and the words "Post London" are written after the destination. Rate is approximately one-third of the full rate; minimum 20 words.

### WEEK-END LETTERS

Similar to Cable Letters except that they are accepted up to midnight Saturday for delivery Monday morning, if telegraphic delivery is selected. Rate is approximately one-quarter of the full rate; minimum 20 words.

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October 26, 1929

Hon. W. E. Whitsett,
Van Nuys, California.

Dear Paul:

I just have the copy of the magazine and appreciate thoroughly your sending it to me. Too, I have read your own article with interest and appreciation.

Always it is a pleasure to hear from you.

With best wishes always, I am

Sincerely yours,

Will H. Hays

No 4.

# The Mission Play

BY JOHN STEVEN McGROARTY

San Gabriel, California, Dec. 9, 1929

Mr. W. P. Whitsett
Hotel Washington
Washington, D. C.

Dear Paul:

You will see by the enclosed editorial page from yesterday's Times that our Four Horsemen of the Desert was played up in great shape. It ought to do some good.

I am sending a copy to Secretary Wilbur. This copy goes to you by air mail, as I am thinking it might be of some use to you while you are in Washington.

Sarah and Frank and Paul and all the rest of us had dinner last night at the Lazy Lonesome Ranch, enjoying a good time but we all missed you.

Faithfully yours,

John S. McGroarty.

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January 15, 1930

Mr. W. O. Whitsett,
Light & Power Company,
207 So. Broadway,
Los Angeles, Calif.

Dear Mr. Whitsett:

I am enclosing herewith some small snap shot pictures which I took on our trip to Las Vegas, Nevada, on the plane Rio Grande, which I thought might be of interest to you.

Yours very truly,

J. M. Beeson

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Jan. 14, 1930

F. W. Berkshire
Sara H. Whitsett
Walter Mendenhall

It is necessary at this time to make an assessment on the three owners of the Sepulveda store building for the expenses listed below:

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| To Provident Bldg.-Loan Co. for Insurance Premiums for one year on store and fixtures - - | $85.15 |
| To Geo. H. Betts for repair work on store as follows: | |
| Fire wall cap of galv. iron - - - - - - | 30.00 |
| Galvanized iron across front entire width - - | 23.00 |
| Soldering holes in warehouse - - - - - | 10.00 |
| Patching composition roof - - - - | 10.00 |
| Painting galv. iron and replacing sign - - - | 21.00 |
| To M. C. Ray for new parts for meat grinder - - | 15.50 |
| Total - - - | 194.65 |

As there is but $8 in the treasury the above named participants each should pay an assessment of $75, which will give a total of $225. Unless something unforseen arises there should be no further assessments until the second payment of taxes in April.

The repairs to the store were absolutely necessary. The rains of the past week have been coming in both through the roof and through the casings in the front of the store. Also through nail holes in the warehouse garage, spoiling considerable feed. I made a careful investigation of the matter and the above repairs are as little as can be worked out to get the desired result.

Kindly forward check for $75, so it will reach me by the 20th, making same payable to Van Nuys Land & Dev. Co. Syn. 6.

Very truly yours,

Walter Mendenhall

Walter Mendenhall

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Received at VAN NUYS, CALIF.

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W P WHITSETT

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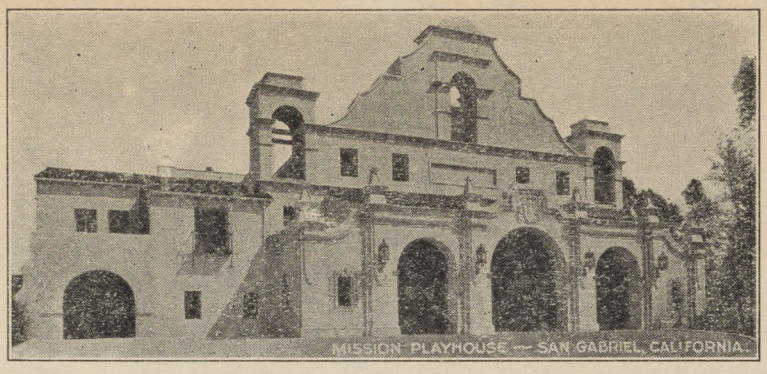


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CALIFORNIA

# MISSION PLAYHOUSE CORPORATION

SAN GABRIEL, CALIFORNIA

February 1, 1930.

Mr. W. P. Whitsett
Los Angeles,
California.

Dear Mr. Whitsett:

The Mission Playhouse Corporation owes the bank $75,000.00 for which we are being pressed for payment.

The Executive Committee, therefore, has decided to charge $100.00 a seat for the 3000th performance to be given February 17th, and we are asking each of the directors of the Corporation to pledge himself to purchase twenty-five (25) tickets.

Mr. Harry Chandler of the Los Angeles Times has reserved this number, while the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce group has spoken for fifty (50).

The following directors have already agreed to buy twenty-five (25) tickets:

George I. Cochran
D. W. Pontius
W. I. Hollingsworth
Harold Janss
Samuel K. Rindge

Can you not pledge yourself to a like number?

We would appreciate a prompt reply.

Very truly yours,

W. I. Hollingsworth, President

Samuel K. Rindge, Secretary

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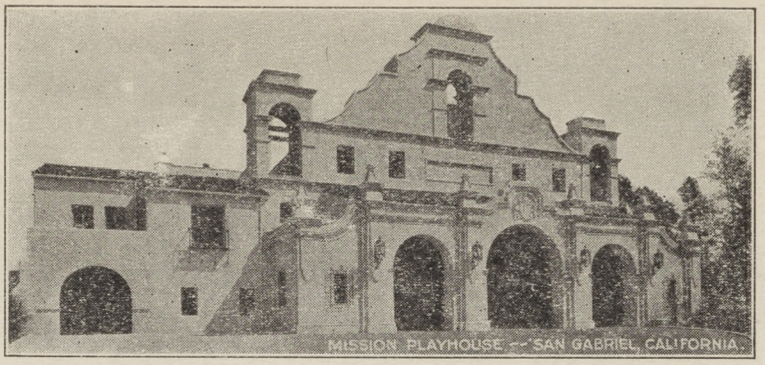


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SAN GABRIEL, CALIFORNIA

February 3, 1930.

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THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

Mr. W. P. Whitsett,
Department of Water and Power,
City Hall
Los Angeles, California.

Dear Mr. Whitsett:

Referring to the Mission Play performance to be given on February 17th, will you be kind enough to call on your old friend Will Hays and pardon me for using the expression, but lay down on him to the extent that he guarantees the sale of twenty-five (25) tickets to the picture people.

Very truly yours,

W. I. Hollingsworth

President

Whitsett Personal

S. C. Form No. 7

# Signal Corps, United States Army.

Received at

SIGNAL CORPS, U. S. ARMY RADIO STATION,
7th FLOOR, FEDERAL BLDG.,
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA.
(Telephone MU-6422)

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W P WHITSETT , METROPOLITAN WATER BOARD, LOSANGELES CALIF.

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ERNEST WALKER SAWYER

325PM

Replied (over)

Phoned 11:30a 9-26-
E.H.

ERNEST WALKER SAWYER

ANCHORAGE ALASKA

REGRET VERY MUCH IMPOSSIBLE FOR ME TO INTEREST COAL SYNDICATE AT THIS TIME. WISH TO THANK YOU FOR CALLING THIS TO MY ATTENTION

W. P. WHITSETT.

January 3, 1931

Hello Yourself, Nimrod:

You sure handed me a bunch of dynamite in that demure self-satisfied physiognomy sandwiched in between Pa and Ma Brownies. This old water-logged Bean bobbed up above the turbid waters of the Colorado River, shook the sand out of its eyes, blinked absentmindedly at memories real as some of the most enjoyable scenes of my life flashed by, then I sniffed the fragrance of pines and mountain sage. Pausing long enough to cut some fuse lengths and attach them to the several sticks of giant powder split and lit the fuse with the enclosed sparks and tossed them out among the bunch which hold in the hollow of their hands the destiny of this part of the universe, hoping that at least one will explode and shake up enough gray matter to have enacted at Sacramento the necessary legislation to make possible the annexation of Inyo and Mono Counties to the City of Los Angeles. With this a reality, our bright dreams spun around the campfire of a summer evening would come true, passing on to posterity lakes and forest as well stocked with fish and game as we have enjoyed, and forever solving the Owens Valley problem, and creating within the city limits of Los Angeles the greatest tourist attraction and recreational park in the world.

Best wishes for a Happy New Year.

Cordially yours,

Ned Hedderley
Bishop, California

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Written in Hollywood
January 3, 1931

Mr. W. P. Whitsett
Van Nuys,
California

Dear Paul:

Your letter of the First just reaches me and I appreciate it.

Next summer I will do it!

Best wishes to all.

Sincerely yours,

Will H. Hays

JOHN T. HAYS
(DECEASED)
WILL H. HAYS
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HAYS & HAYS
ATTORNEYS-AT-LAW
SULLIVAN, IND.

January 5, 1931.

Mr. W. P. Whitsett,
6711 Van Nuys Boulevard,
Van Nuys, California.

Dear Paul:

Just now I have received the picture attached to the calendar, which certainly makes a delightful combination. The fish must have been caught in the mountains, which place, and the possibility of going there together, has been discussed by us before. Maybe sometime we can do that, and certainly nothing would give me more pleasure because I would not only love the fishing, with the mountains, but nothing could make me any happier than to have the association with you. I, of course, appreciate your thoughtfulness in sending me the autographed photograph, and at this time, want to express my own good wishes to you and all of yours, not only for the New Year, but always.

With genuine good wishes to all of you, in which everybody here joins, I am

Most cordially,

Hinkle C. Hays

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DR. JOHN RANDOLPH HAYNES
429 CONSOLIDATED BUILDING
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LOS ANGELES, CAL.

January 8, 1931.

Mr. W. P. Whitsett,
Van Nuys, California.

Dear W. P.:

Thank you very much for your letter of January first with the photograph of your own handsome physiognomy and two beautiful trout. What are they? Rainbow, Golden Beauty, Brownie or Brook?

Are you sure you caught them with a fly? If so what fly? Or were they obtained by financial flies?

Hoping to see you soon,

I am

Sincerely yours,

John R Haynes

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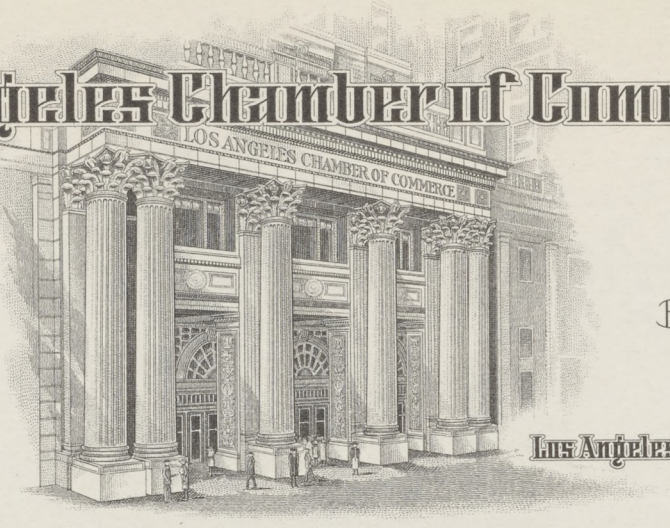


Los Angeles, California

The City of Balanced Prosperity

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THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

January 8, 1931

Mr. W. P. Whitsett,
Metropolitan Water District,
207 S. Broadway,
Los Angeles.

Dear Mr. Whitsett:

I appreciate your note of January first, concerning the mountain peaks of the High Sierras. I certainly envy you in your appreciation of this picture and the evident luck you have had as a fisherman.

I have done some fishing myself on the other side of the Range up in the Selden Pass and Florence Lake District and know the thrill of hooking the golden trout, the Loch Lomond and the Rainbow.

We are gradually but perceptibly making headway with regard to the exploitation of the Owens Valley District for recreational purposes. Now that the city is buying out this whole district, however, some policy will have to be developed by the City Water Board as to the utilization of the city's lands at least for recreational purposes, and the development of those facilities in that section that will attract tourists.

If the city could develop a big mountain park in the Owens Valley District similar to that which is being developed by the County in the Angeles National Forest, we could soon arouse interest in the Owens Valley District.

I assume, however, that the city authorities cannot make up their minds as to this angle of it until the final purchases have been consummated.

Again thanking you and with all best wishes for the new year, I am

Very truly yours,

LOS ANGELES CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

AGA:AN

Secretary & General Manager

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
CITY HALL
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

JOHN C. PORTER
MAYOR

January 8, 1931.

Mr. W.P.Whitsett,
6711 Van Nuys Boulevard,
Van Nuys, California.

Dear Mr.Whitsett:

Your message of January first has a tendency to make a man close his desk, pack up his business cares and worries, and start for the High Sierras at once.

Nothing would please me more than to meet you in such a fisherman's paradise, and perhaps we may get together up there some time this coming summer.

Sincerely,

John C. Porter

Mayor.

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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
JOHN G. BULLOCK

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THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

Mr. W. P. Whitsett,
The Metropolitan Water District,
222 South Hill Street,
Los Angeles, California.

Dear Mr. Whitsett:

This will acknowledge receipt of letter wherein you tell of the wonderful lakes in the High Sierras, and from the picture enclosed you have proven that there are fish in these lakes and that you are able to catch them. Along with all your other accomplishments I had not known that you were an accomplished fisherman.

I am sure Mr. Heffner and I would like to have an opportunity some day to hear you tell of the wonders in the High Sierras, and of your leaping mountain streams fed by the snows from the perpetual high glaciers. You have touched on this in talking with me personally at times, but until receiving your letter I had not realized the number of lakes or what a beautiful place it must be. The one thing I am wondering about, is after you caught the fish what did you do with them.

I trust you have had a most pleasant and happy holiday season, and that this New Year which we have just entered may hold many good things in store for you and all those dear to you - and may you see a more wonderful development through this year in the thing so dear to you, the Metropolitan Water District. May our meeting on the shore line of the lakes of Los Angeles be realized.

Thanking you for your letter - with my kind regards and every good wish, I am

Sincerely,

John G Bullock

January
8
1931

W. I. HOLLINGSWORTH
LOS ANGELES

January 23rd,
1 9 3 1

Dear Paul:

It was very kind and thoughtful of you to write me a letter while I was in the hospital for, at best, hospitals are not the most cheerful places in the world.

I am happy to say I am now home, although I fear it will be some time before I am able to go down town.

It would give me a great deal of pleasure if you could run out to the residence, 341 South La Fayette Park Place, telephone Dunkirk 2771, and have luncheon with me some day in the near future at twelve-thirty. Any day you can arrange it will be satisfactory to me. Knowing the many demands made upon you, I do not want you to feel obligated to accept unless you can conveniently do so - of course I would be happy to see you.

I am very anxious to hear something of the great work which you have been doing recently.

With kind regards,

Sincerely yours,

W I Hollingsworth

Mr. Paul Whitsett,
Metropolitan Water District,
207 South Broadway,
Los Angeles, California.

March 2, 1931

Mr. George H. Hutton,
c/o American Express Company,
Rome, Italy

Dear Judge:

Your letter mailed at Cristobal has reached me. I am very pleased to hear that your health is already improved. The balance of the Directors join me in this expression after hearing me read your letter at the last meeting.

Under separate cover I am sending you a copy of the Summary of Preliminary Surveys, Designs and Estimates, which I know you will find extremely interesting. Maybe you will find time to read it in some pleasant cypress garden overlooking the blue Mediterranean with the proper refreshments by your elbow.

Let me hear from you, Judge, whenever the opportunity of writing presents itself to you.

With sincere regards,

Yours very truly,

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Mr. Hiram W. Wadsworth,
716 South El Molino Avenue,
Pasadena, California.

Dear Mr. Wadsworth:

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W. P. Whitsett

Whitsett

UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
WASHINGTON

March 17, 1931.

Mr. W. P. Whitsett,
Chairman, Metropolitan Water Board,
222 South Hill Street,
Los Angeles, California.

Dear Mr. Whitsett:

Mr. Z. J. Loussac, of Anchorage, Alaska, will call on you in Los Angeles in the near future.

Mr. Loussac is operating the Evans-Jones Coal Company near Anchorage. The Alaska Railroad has a contract with this Company for supply of considerable quantities of coal. They are responsible producers and have exported, I believe, about 70,000 tons.

I hope you can put him in touch with someone in Southern California, who will be interested, either in further development of Alaskan coal fields or in the sale of Alaskan coals in Southern California.

Very truly yours,

E. W. Sawyer

ERNEST WALKER SAWYER.

March 24, 1931

Mr. Ernest W. Sawyer,
Office of the Secretary,
United States Department of the Interior,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Sawyer:

Your letter of March 17th states that Mr. Z. J. Loussac, of Anchorage, Alaska, will call on me at your request.

I will be pleased to meet with him and help him insofar as I am able.

With sincere regards,

Very truly yours,

W. P. Whitsett

HIRAM W. WADSWORTH
716 SOUTH EL MOLINO AVENUE
PASADENA, CALIFORNIA

April 25, 1931

Mr. W. P. Whitsett
222 So. Hill St.
Los Angeles, California

Dear Mr. Whitsett;-

No letter received during my stay at the hospital pleased me more than yours, - that you, busy as you must be, should take the time to write to me, a comparative stranger -

I assure you the sentiments expressed in your letter are greatly appreciated.

I am watching with continued interest the gradual development of the Metropolitan Water District under your careful and conservative guidance; no man more than I knows the need for that guidance, and I congratulate you on your success in overcoming many difficulties.

Mr. Thomas who lives just across the street often runs over with bits of news or information

Sincerely yours

Hiram W. Wadsworth

May I add that I am home again, and though weak well on the road to recovery - I expect to be a better man than for five years past.

June 6, 1931

Mr. Edwin L. Hedderly,
B o x  6 3 1 ,
Bishop, California

Dear Sir:

Mr. Whitsett has requested that I send you such information as the District has available in regard to the proposal recently made by Mr. John Treanor. Accordingly, I am sending to you, separately enclosed, the following:

1. Report by Mr. A. L. Sonderegger dated May 21, 1931, This report is supplementary to the one dated April, 1931, a copy of which you received;

2. Abstract of letter received from Mr. Treanor, and reply of the District thereto; and

3. A copy of the letter send to the Water and Power Resources Committee of the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce in reply to statements made by Mr. Treanor.

I shall be glad to supplement this with any further information that may become available if you so desire.

Yours very truly,

A. L. Gram
Executive Secretary

ALG:T

EDWIN L. HEDDERLY
Camp Comfort, Gull Lake
Bishop, California
Box 631

May 24th 1931

MR. W. P. WHITSETT, "Cheer-Man",
"Metropolitan Water District",
Van Nuys, California.

Dear "Brother of the Angle":

I was about to salute you as "Cheer-Leader", but noted John Treanor's "horning-in" for Colorado limelight honors; and am still shivering from the shock of seeing the Big Boss of the Cement Trust posing as benefactor of our tax-paying public, so desist, pending determination of this latest "heavy-weight championship!"

We trust that this little diversion will not be allowed to interfere with our really serious and important business of fly-fishing! Cement jobs will go on and on forever, but fishing will not wait! From the way the salmon-eggers have been snatching out these sorry fingerlings and yearlings, I shudder for the future. Have accomplished all we could eat without invading Grant Lake yet. June hasn't been good, but equal to table demands without forsaking true sportsmanlike methods. All the classics of angling are written about the fly, since Walton and Dame Juliana Berners, back in the days when our ancestry were wrangling in chain-mail and other iron armor.

So the Supreme Court proceeded, as expected, to sidestep the most controversial issues raised by Arizona! Judging from the public prints, it was a typical inter-state decision. In a government of this confederated and popular nature, these states-rights questions are dynamite. Recollection of our one civil war are too fresh to blame the highest court for even extreme circumspection whenever these considerations are even remotely involved. However, this decision DOES settle some immediate emergencies, even though rather leaving the way open to further litigation, which doubtless the obstructionists will avail themselves of. Wilbur's initiative in going ahead, regardless of the possible legal torpedoes, appears vindicated. Certain features of the decision appear to have a much broader bearing on a number of California water questions on interstate and wholly internal rivers, than any of the reports suggest. One I had some part in, the initiative campaign we won to prevent ruin of the last sea-run of trout and salmon left in the State by an attempted tie-up of hydro-electric power dam-sites on the Klamath against possible future use. This decision rather puts a quietus on all efforts to hold out for the future against immediate or present uses of water, and the fishery use is immediate, past and present, and well established. However, cheap natural gas and continuing drouth together with the demonstrated high cost of high-potential electric transmission are discouraging to long-range hydroelectric projects, economically; so we have many more immediate causes for concern than the Klamath raid, which seems to be pretty permanently halted by the aforesaid act of the people, that being one job that stayed done, so perhaps I may be pardoned for a little pride in what part I was privileged to play therein.

Brother Treanor's "training" of his big cement guns on your "terrain" gives the Metro publicity department the chance it should welcome to justify itself against an opponent worthy anyone's mettle, and ample opportunity to vindicate Bullock's faith in it. Kindest regards to you all,

Hedderlys
Ned

August 8, 1931

Mr. H. A. Van Norman,
R o o m  7 0 4,
207 South Broadway,
Los Angeles, California

Dear Van:

Many thanks for the attested score cards in honor of my best drive so far. I am contacting the different ones who appreciate achievements of this sort. When my trophies are gathered together, I want to have you look them over.

Yours very truly,

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GENERAL MANAGER
AND CHIEF ENGINEER

DEPARTMENT OF WATER AND POWER
CITY OF LOS ANGELES

207 SO. BROADWAY
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JUL 1931
THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

July 28 - 1931

Mr W P Whitsett
Metropolitan Water District
Third Street at Broadway
LOS ANGELES
California

Dear Mr. Whitsett:

Enclosed please find properly certified cards in connection with your successful efforts with Hole No. 4 on the North Course of the Los Angeles Country Club.

Mr. Quigley, Assistant Secretary of the Club, suggests that you get in touch with the Los Angeles Rubber Stamp Company, where you will get a pin to the Hole-In-One Club and they will also give you the list of places where prizes are awarded to the very few distinguished recipients of this honor.

Yours very truly,

H. A. Van Norman

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OFFICE TELEPHONE
WESTMORE 8211

October 16, 1931.

MR. W. P. WHITSETT, Chairman,
Board of Directors,
Metropolitan Water District,
Los Angeles.

Dear Mr. Whitsett:

The undersigned has been asked by Mr. Walter S. Gifford, Director of the President's Organization for Unemployment Relief, to attempt to organize the necessary machinery which will be charged with the duty of coordinating and making available in this time of need the resources of Southern California to the end that adequate relief funds may be obtained and administered effectively and without duplication.

I am therefore asking that you meet with me at the Board Room of the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce, at 12:15 Monday, October 19th, 1931.

Please come prepared to thoroughly discuss the problem and aid in the formulation of the necessary plans, not only for Los Angeles but for all of Southern California.

Very truly yours,

John C. Austin

Luncheon, 75c.

W. P. Whitsett personal

November 5, 1931

Mr. J. A. H. Kerr, President,
Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce,
1151 South Broadway,
Los Angeles, California

Dear Mr. Kerr:

I shall be pleased to accept the appointment as a member of your Special Banquet Committee of the American Newspaper Publishers Association Testimonial Banquet on November 11.

It is assumed that this will not make any considerable demands on my time.

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THE LOS ANGELES CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

October 31, 1931

Mr. W. P. Whitsett,
306 W. 3rd St.,
Los Angeles, California

Dear Sir:

I have appointed you on a Special Banquet Committee for the American Newspaper Publishers Association Testimonial Banquet to be given by the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce in Sala de Oro of the Biltmore Hotel, 7 P. M. Armistice Day, November 11th, 1931.

This banquet is especially to honor Mr. Harry Chandler and our guest speaker for the evening will be Hon. Charles Curtis, Vice President of the United States.

I sincerely trust that you will be able to cooperate with us in making this banquet one of the outstanding events of the year.

Yours very truly,

President
Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce

PHIL. D. SWING
11TH DIST. CALIFORNIA

COMMITTEES:
IRRIGATION AND RECLAMATION
PUBLIC LANDS
FLOOD CONTROL
EXPENDITURES IN THE EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS

# Congress of the United States
## House of Representatives
### Washington, D. C.

December
Second
1931.

Personal

Mr.W.P.Whitsett, President
Metropolitan Water District,
Los Angeles,California.

My dear Mr. Whitsett:

I was surprised and pleased to pick up last night's "STAR" and find on the front page a picture of your son and his bride.

It reminded me of you and our associations in the past. Good luck to you and the boy.

Sincerely,

Phil D Swing

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REPRINTED FROM THE VAN NUYS NEWS, DEC. 10, 1931

# Comprehensive Group Plan of Home Ownership Urged By Founder of Van Nuys

## Advocates Suburban Acre Homes Within Commuting Distance of Regular Employment for Men

Firm in the belief that there will be no permanent relief from the strain and suffering of recurring depressions until people seek the soil, W. P. Whitsett, founder of Van Nuys and chairman of the Metropolitan Water District Board of Southern California, has this week launched a comprehensive campaign for group plan of ownership.

The plan, with a reprint of an article by Mr. Whitsett appearing recently in the Los Angeles Times and The Van Nuys News advocating acre homes, was mailed this week to 650 leading employers of Los Angeles and already the response from these has been most gratifying.

**W. P. Whitsett**

Under the caption "Jobs for the Willing —Garden Estates for the Worthy —The Whitsett Group Plan Tells How—Sound and Conservative" the plan in detail follows:

The Whitsett Group Plan proposes to enable families in groups of five to secure Garden Acre Homes. These garden acre homes should be built at the same time and in the same locality. Among the economic reasons underlying the plan are the following:

1. Five workers going at the same time from their neighboring homes to a common working place, and vice versa, can travel in the same automobile as cheaply as one.

2. The building of five homes on neighboring acres at the same time can be done better and more cheaply. In addition, there are many other economies which can be worked out in living and gardening activities.

3. Under the Whitsett group plan, the garden home places are usually better managed. Wherever there exists a friendly discussion of common problems of planting, growing and harvesting, and the care of trees, gardens, animals and fowls, mistakes are fewer and the results surer.

**How Are the Acres to Be Had at the Minimum Cost?**

Let us take the Van Nuys section in the San Fernando Valley with which I am most familiar, and where the water and soil conditions are ideal for gardening.

First, the banks or reputable realty companies would be contacted to obtain information as to foreclosed ranches located on improved streets having all utility services installed, and which would be suitable for dividing into acre units.

The next step would be to have the banker or realtor indicate such ranches as were delinquent or behind in interest payments. Inasmuch as ranches with fully improved streets and utilities installed are taxed too much to make farming profitable on an income basis under present conditions, the owners must subdivide into smaller units in order to profit by street and utility improvements, and to liquidate the loan. From a subdivision standpoint, the owner of say a 40-acre ranch, could afford to make a discount of from 25 to 50 per cent of the actual value of five acres in order to have built on them five well-designed houses owned and occupied by thrifty, industrious people.

One should be able to buy under these conditions, an acre that formerly sold for $2500 or over, for from $500 to $1250 — or about $1000.

Five 5-room houses built at the same time including double garages, driveways, sprinkling systems, etc., should cost around $2500 each. This is probably $1000 less than similar houses have been selling for. In other words, a 5-room house and an acre of ground can be developed for about $3500.

**How Is It to Be Financed?**

A conscientious and modern employer would no doubt be willing to lend his credit to five of his best and most productive employees in need of such homes, matching their savings equally up to $750 each, for which the employees will give a monthly installment note for $750, drawing interest at 6 per cent. This note would be repaid at the rate of $15 per month, including interest, the unpaid balance to mature at the end of 3 years from date of issue. The notes would be secured by second trust deeds, and by life insurance policies, the property being insured against loss by fire. If the members of the group are selected by their employer who knows them well enough to lend them his credit, a building

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and loan association with whom the matter has been discussed would agree (subject to approval of the homes and their location) to loan in the first instance, $2000 on each acre with interest at 7.2 per cent. Repayment of this loan would be made at the rate of $10 per $1000 monthly, which includes principal and interest, or $20 per month on the amount loaned.

At the end of three years, this building and loan association will return to the employer the balance due him, adding it to the amount due from the group member, provided, however, all installments have been met promptly and the value of the property increased by proper care and planting. If the additional $15, including interest, were paid back each month on the $750 advanced by the employer, the total monthly payment would then be $35 a month, representing $15 to the employer and $20 to the building and loan, both including interest; which amount would probably be less than the rent of an inferior place on a 50-foot lot. Such a garden acre can be made to produce this $35 per month.

**Why Should I As An Employer Do This?**

The important fact today is not how much money the employee receives, but how much good does it do him—how well does he eat—how comfortably does he live—how free is his mind from financial and other worries when he is doing your work. A satisfactory answer to these questions determines whether a worker is a profitable, or unprofitable, employee in your organization. This plan is the first step to a satisfactory answer.

A garden acre home is a job in reserve during the prime of life and a pension in old age. If your employees were happily located on garden acre homes which you had helped them to acquire, you would not have the same feeling about reducing your force to take up the slack when you are losing money, fou you would know they could utilize their own time to good advantage by increasing the productivity of their garden acres.

Furthermore, of their own accord they would want to retire from your service as age began to slow them down because their garden acre home should be paid for and they would have learned how to provide for their wants adequately and enjoyably from their own gardens. There is no way you can so economically pension your faithful employees, and at the same time bring such satisfaction and contentment to them as by now aiding them to provide for themselves in this manner.

Of course some of your eligible employees desiring to avail themselves of such an opportunity would feel a lack of knowledge of how and what to grow. To meet this situation, an arrangement can no doubt be made with the Agricultural Department of the University of California to get instruction for these family groups in the proper planting and care of gardens, trees and the care of animals and fowls.

At this time special discounts on materials, on plans, and supervision of construction by competent engineering architects can be obtanied. For the best efficiency and lowest cost, all building material should be purchased for cash, and labor engaged by contract and well supervised.

There is no better way at this time of putting men to work than by starting to create such places. An absolute shortage exists of well constructed, moderately priced houses on desirable garden acres. Today materials can be had practically at cost for cash. Therefore, almost all of the money put into such a plan would be for wages. There is not a more constructive move could be made than putting capable mechanics to work building homes on garden acres at cost, for deserving families.

**Evolution or Revolution—Which?**

Today a parting of the ways confronts our economic and social systems The road we have been traveling leads to revolution. The plan just presented will make better citizens—defenders of property rights, and the Nation, and can be made to return to the employer every dollar put into it with interest at 6 per cent. Will you divide with your less fortunate employee some of the great ability which has made possible your business success?

If the situation were reversed and you were building a house, and one of your employees was qualified by experience in this special field of financing to be of assistance to you, his loyalty and cooperation could be had by you for the asking. Your employees sorely need your knowledge and assistance in this grave problem of theirs.

**How Can the Employer Proceed to Interest His Employees in This Plan?**

Through some member of the firm or personnel department. It is proposed to form committees consisting of three members representing the three largest civic organizations in a city to work out details with the employers in putting this group plan into operation.

Available circulars can be procured for distributing among employees through W. P. Whitsett or such committee when formed. Someone will be furnished, if requested, to present this plan to a group of employees. If one of the employees of a firm is interested he can work up the first group of five. When that is done then the architect, to be selected by the employer or community group, will work out with each family the details of the floor plan. When that has been approved the group, including the employee handling the matter, a representative of the employer and a representative of the building and loan association that will agree to loan the money under the stated conditions, will consider for approval the floor plans, elevations and the location. All money will be paid through the building and loan association as the work progresses.

It is conservatively believed that before three years have elapsed, the second trust deed can be liquidated, and a revolving fund set in motion to aid other groups in securing garden acre homes at cost. These groups would be known in the community in which they are located by the name of the firm which made them possible, thus creating additional pride and interest in appearance and utility. The Whitsett group plan is most workable in depressed economic periods when land values and materials are cheap, and good mechanics available. It puts men to work **NOW!**

50000 Homes over 5 years

10,000 per year Garden Acres 100 X 300 ft

Altimate Value $8,000 Each ass $4,000 = 700,000,000

Cost of aqueduct

5 1/2 % tax over $10,000,000 tax per year

50,000 families will spend for food clothing

and services over 100.00 per Mo $60,000,000

Helping to stabilize down Town Business Values

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Social security and pension Migrants

February 21, 1933

Mr. John Steven McGroarty,
Rancho Chupa-Rosa,
Tujunga, California

Dear Mr. McGroarty:

Following is such information as I have bearing upon the part which Mr. Whitsett played in the development of the San Fernando Valley, particularly as might pertain to the dedication ceremonies for the Valley Municipal Building.

The background, of course, presupposes the historical information you know so well beginning with the Mission Fathers grazing their great herds, and proceeding through the changes of the secularization to the drought of the early sixties which practically destroyed the grazing industry, and on through the period of the great grain ranches of the latter part of the last century with which was identified such names as Lankershim, Van Nuys, the Porters, and the Maclays.

The pioneer of the present period of intensive development was Mr. Harry Chandler. In 1909 he obtained an option on 47,500 acres which included the area comprised by the communities of Van Nuys, Reseda, Canoga Park, and Tarzana. At that time there were only six groups of ranch buildings in the entire area. After the organization by Mr. Chandler of the Suburban Home Land Company, Mr. Whitsett purchased an undivided one-half interest in a mile square area in what was then designated as a townsite, subsequently becoming Van Nuys.

The Town was founded by Mr. Whitsett and his associates on February 22, 1911, just twenty-two years to the day, before the dedication of the Valley Administration Building next Wednesday. Under Mr. Whitsett's driving force, the development proceeded rapidly. As the Town took definite shape, it became apparent to him that the extent of the growth required a more intensively cultivated supporting area, and a complement of industry and manufacturing. This led to his purchasing several thousand additional acres around Van Nuys, on which was successfully created a nucleus of the existing poultry, berry, dairying, and truck gardening activities of the valley. These activities were founded directly by Mr. Whitsett on the principle of demonstrating conclusively and in a practical way, that they were adapted to conditions as found in the Valley.

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Dear Mr. McGroarty:

Following is such information as I have bearing upon the part which Mr. Whitsett played in the development of the San Fernando Valley, particularly as might pertain to the dedication ceremonies for the Valley Municipal Building.

The background, of course, presupposes the historical information you know so well beginning with the Mission Fathers erecting their great ranchos, and proceeding through the changes of the secularization to the drought of the early sixties which practically destroyed the grazing industry, and on through the period of the great grain ranches of the latter part of the last century with which was identified such names as Lankershim, Van Nuys, the Porters, and the Macclays.

The pioneer of the present period of intensive development was Mr. Harry Chandler. In 1909 he obtained an option on 47,500 acres which included the area comprised by the communities of Van Nuys, Reseda, Canoga Park, and Tarzana. At that time there were only six groups of ranch buildings in the entire area. After the organization by Mr. Chandler of the Suburban Home Land Company, Mr. Whitsett purchased an undivided one-half interest in a mile square area in what was then designated as a townsite, subsequently becoming Van Nuys.

The Town was founded by Mr. Whitsett and his associates on February 25, 1911, just twenty-two years to the day, before the dedication of the Valley Administration Building next Wednesday. Under Mr. Whitsett's driving force, the development proceeded rapidly. As the Town took definite shape, it became apparent to him that the extent of the growth required a more intensively cultivated supporting area, and a complement of industry and manufacturing. This led to his purchasing several thousand additional acres around Van Nuys, on which was successfully operated a nucleus of the existing poultry, berry, dairying, and truck gardening activities of the valley. These activities were founded directly by Mr. Whitsett on the principle of demonstrating conclusively and in a practical way, that they were adapted to conditions as found in the Valley.

I do not know to what extent you are familiar with the idealistic manner in which he carried on the development of the townsite. It was in no sense a real estate promotion. His attitude was more that of building an empire of the soil in the interest of giving people an opportunity to live a natural and healthful life. For many years he has advocated what he styles the "Garden Acre Home." The underlying idea is that in a mechanical age, people are too far removed from their food supplies. Anything which upsets the industrial balance, cuts off the food supply. Under his plan, the industrial worker will spend part of his time working on a small piece of land surrounding his home, thereby supplying his table with his own produce.

It is not his purpose or intention that these garden acres would in general produce anything for sale. The present tendency toward shorter hours of work per day, and fewer days per week, and the return to the farm movement which has been sponsored by this depression, seem to have borne out in a very conclusive manner, the ideas which Mr. Whitsett first advocated many years ago. Attached is a reprint of an article by Mr. Whitsett which occurred in the Farm and Garden Magazine of November 1929, and several other printed items which bear on this point.

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However, I do not believe Mr. Whitsett took a very active part during recent years. As I understand it, a great deal of credit goes to Councilman Randall, Mayor Porter, and possibly others, with whose activities I am less familiar.

I hope that I have given you information which will prove of value to you. My close association with Mr. Whitsett has enabled me to accumulate the facts herein presented. If you so desire, I would be glad to supplement or clarify the information here set out in any detail or particular you may desire.

Yours very truly,

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Yours very truly,

February 23, 1933

Mr. W. A. Bechtel, President,
Six Companies Inc.,
Financial Center Building,
San Francisco, California.

My dear Mr. Bechtel:

Your analysis of the mistake in addressing my last letter to your son was entirely correct. The mistake is sincerely regretted.

Were I better acquainted with the respective merits of father and son it might be that my judgment would be such as you indicate. My own sons are rapidly coming to the place where competition as to who is boss is getting pretty keen.

With sincere regards, and again thanking you for your courtesies on the occasion of my recent trip,

Very truly yours,

W. P. Whitsett

March 7, 1933

Mr. John C. Austin,
1151 South Broadway,
Los Angeles, California.

Dear Mr. Austin:

I shall be glad to participate in the meeting held by the Construction Industries on March 16th.

The program appears to be quite formidable and one that will probably be quite long. I shall endeavor to make my remarks as brief and pertinent as possible.

Yours very truly,

W. P. Whitsett

This letter also sent to:
John C. Austin
Lynn Atkinson
Walter A. Ham
John C. Porter

March 18, 1933

Mr. William Simpson, President,
Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce,
1151 South Broadway,
Los Angeles, California

Dear Mr. Simpson:

Because of the length of the program and the lateness of the hour at the Construction Industries Committee Banquet last Thursday evening, I departed from the remarks I had previously outlined. Inasmuch as these remarks incorporate my views as to the future growth of Southern California and the corresponding necessity for building the aqueduct tunnels full-size, a copy of them is enclosed to you. In thinking about the size of the aqueduct, I find many people do not understand that in addition to increased operating expense, two aqueducts larger than twelve feet in diameter are needed to deliver the same quantity of water as the one planned which will measure sixteen feet.

Furthermore, they do not realize that very strong evidence indicates we are in the early years of a drought period such as lasted for twenty-eight years, between 1781 and 1809 and for forty-one years between 1842 and 1883. During both of these periods Lake Elsinore dried up, which it has not done since this area acquired metropolitan proportions. Should the present drought continue as may be expected, in excess of the half capacity aqueduct will be needed far in advance of the time which has been anticipated.

On the basis of my close knowledge of the facts, I feel it imperative that the tunnels be constructed as planned and every possible and sound economy elsewhere on the project be effected. Prices of materials and construction efficiencies are very favorable to us now. Capital charges can and will be deferred thereby keeping costs to a minimum pending receipt of revenues from the water.

I know you are exceedingly interested in these vital matters and hope you will have the time to consider the enclosed.

With sincere regards,

W. P. Whitsett

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March 18, 1933

Mr. Lynn Atkinson,
609 South Grand Avenue,
Los Angeles, California.

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W. P. Whitsett

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LYNN ATKINSON
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LOS ANGELES, CALIF.

March 21, 1933.

Mr. W. P. Whitsett, Chairman,
Metropolitan Water District of Southern California,
306 West Third Street,
Los Angeles, California.

Dear Mr. Whitsett,

Just a short note to acknowledge receipt of your letter of March 18th, enclosing a memorandum of the remarks that you had prepared for the Construction Industries banquet.

You, of course, know that all of us regret very much that the previous speakers took so much time on the program. As a matter of fact we had intended your talk to be the principal talk of the evening, but the previous speakers upset this program.

In any event I am taking the liberty to forward this memorandum to Mr. F. J. Connolly, with the suggestion that he deliver it to the Southwest Builder and Contractor or the Western Construction News, as these magazines cover the construction field. I think the article is an exceptionally good one and should be published.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Yours sincerely,

Lynn Atkinson.

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Mr. W. P. Whitsett,
Chairman,
The Metropolitan Water District
of Southern California,
306 West Third Street,
Los Angeles, California.

My dear Mr. Whitsett:

I acknowledge receipt of your favor of the 20th instant, with accompanying copy of some remarks drafted by you, incorporating your views as to the further growth of Southern California and the corresponding necessity of building the Colorado River Aqueduct as planned, and I think they are quite pertinent and I am wholly in accord with your conclusions.

I am also of the same opinion as you are that the aqueduct should be built as planned with respect to the size, and the operation not indulged twice with the attendant extremity of cost, and, as you rightfully point out, with the danger of the insufficiency of water supply if the size is modified as proposed by some citizens.

I am pleased to have you pass the information on to me and to keep in touch with your progress in completing the wonderful and necessary task which you are undertaking.

Adding kind wishes and regards, -

Yours very truly,

V. H. Rossetti

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March 22, 1933.

Mr. W. P. Whitsett, Chairman,
The Metropolitan Water District,
306 West Third Street,
Los Angeles, California.

Dear Mr. Whitsett,

Your letter of March 20th received. It was with pleasure that I read your article which accompanied it. It was very well expressed and contained an abundance of valuable information.

I am always glad to receive information dealing with the Metropolitan Water Board, its plans and accomplishments, and appreciate your keeping me advised.

Very truly yours,

Jno W Baumgartner

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President

The Wilshire Boulevard Christian Church

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Mr. W. P. Whitsett,
306 West Third Street,
Los Angeles.

My Dear Mr. Whitsett:

Greatly enjoyed your clear-cut and comprehensive "Remarks" which you sent me a few days ago. Mr. Proebstel, the engineer and brother-in-law now stopping at our home, also read them and was exceedingly interested in your review and outlook.

I am with you on the water issue. In fact we "Campbellites" are always strong for water. Your report of the drought situation, including the history, makes us want to be up and doing. Nothing much doing here without water.

What about addressing some group of our people here at Wilshire some time soon on this magnificent project? It would be a fine piece of social education and civic training. Let us see whether we can not get together. The average citizen doesn't really appreciate the gigantic proportions and far-reaching issues of the Metropolitan Water District undertaking.

Hoping that we make connections in this matter and assuring you of our appreciation of the fellowship of yourself and good wife I am

Cordially yours,

Harold H. Griffis.

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Sent to Mr Way and returned without comment

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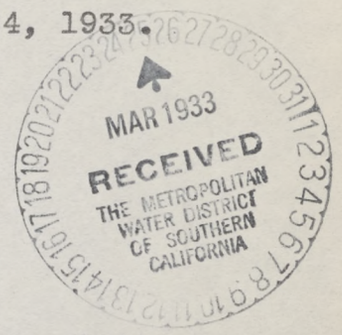


Mr. W. P. Whitsett,
Chairman, The Metropolitan
Water District of Southern California,
306 West Third Street,
Los Angeles, California.

Dear Mr. Whitsett:

It was very kind of you to favor me with your letter of the 20th and likewise with a copy of your timely remarks at the Construction Industries Banquet. I have examined the same and it throws light upon your optimism and enthusiasm, without which a project of this magnitude would be impossible of attainment.

I note with interest that you feel that the tunnels should be constructed as planned, but that "every possible and sound economy elsewhere on the project be effected."

Naturally, of course, I am not an expert upon the question of economy in engineering projects and I could not hold any brief for the problem as to whether it is advisable to put the tunnels at full capacity now or not. However, I can see where there may be considerable argument that if we would attempt to duplicate further tunnel facilities because of inadequate tunnel capacity in the first instance, it might put such an enormous outlay and additional expense that it would be prohibitive.

My suggestion the other day was, eliminating the question of tunnel capacity from consideration, would it not be advisable for you to limit your capacity in all other respects to one-third of the tunnel capacity? By that I mean canals, conduits, pipe and other methods of carrying water. Then, as the population needs of the water supply become imperative you could add further facilities without the serious additional cost that would be involved in additional tunnel facilities.

Inasmuch as there might be such a substantial saving by modifying the original project as to the carrying capacity outside of tunnels, the net saving to the district and the total cost of initial development to bring the water here might be so considerable that to place that much additional money in the enterprise without the necessity of utilizing the full capacity of the other means of carrying the water, might be subject to severe criticism.

Mr. Bullock was kind enough at the close of our little conference the other day to suggest that he would be glad to have me meet with you at any other reasonable time in the future. I am

loath to further trespass upon the time of the members of the City Board, but I was wondering whether or not it might be worth your while to consider the suggestions made at that conference and which I have repeated here, with a view of having the matter submitted to your whole board, who might then refer it to your engineering group to see whether or not it is consistent with their idea of sound engineering, economically, to limit the capacity, other than the tunnels, to one-third at the present time. I assume, if that be the fact, then the engineers would have to receive instructions from the Board to revamp their plans to meet the more conservative estimate under the new alignment of proposed financial outlay.

You will recall that I made some reference to the elimination in part of the proposed Coachella Tunnel because of an earthquake fault there. Notwithstanding Mr. Honnold's kindly, yet positive, criticism that he thought there was no merit to that question, may it not be worth while to review that question in view of the earthquake shock received here, particularly, if by transferring from tunnel to other methods of carrying water, a substantial saving in cost could be effected, and you would not have the destructive risk of earthquake shock that might seriously impair the whole project and result in a substantial financial loss? So far as I have been able to learn, the economic saving involved in the elimination of such tunnels would be a very substantial amount.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Jos. Scott.

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May 21st, 1932.

Mr. W. P. Whitsett, Chairman
Board of Directors,
Metropolitan Water District of Southern California,
306 West 3rd Street,
Los Angeles, California.

Dear Mr. Whitsett:

May I again express personally my "thank you" for the splendid address delivered by yourself before the Rotary Club of Los Angeles at its meeting on Friday, May 20th at the Los Angeles Biltmore.

Your interesting talk, presenting facts and figures regarding the construction of the Colorado River Aqueduct project, was filled with valuable information and I speak in behalf of the members of the Rotary Club who were appreciative in learning and knowing something about the building of this enormous project.

Our interest in civic matters of this nature is strengthened only by such informative addresses as you presented before our Club.

Very truly yours,

Roy F. Wilcox

ROY F. WILCOX, CHAIRMAN
PROGRAM COMMITTEE.
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January 25, 1932

Colonel Henry O. Wheeler,
516 F. P. Fay Building,
Los Angeles, California

Dear Colonel Wheeler:

I sincerely appreciate your letter on retiring from the Chairmanship of the Water and Power Resources Committee of the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce, commenting so generously on the part I had in the activities of that committee. Whatever I may have done, I have intended should be with no other motive than the best interests of Southern California which has been so kind to me.

It has been a pleasure to serve under you as Chairman.

Yours very truly,

W. P. Whitsett

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SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CHAPTER
MILITARY ORDER OF THE WORLD WAR.
March 29,1932.

Mr.W.P.Whitsett,
Metropolitan Water District,
306 West Third Street,
Los Angeles, Calif.

Dear Mr.Whitsett;

You are most cordially invited to be present at the banquet to be held at the Biltmore Hotel on the evening of Wednesday, April 6th. at 6.45 PM. in commemmoration of Army Day.

Army Day is set apart by proclamation for observance in the principal communities in the United States under the auspices of the above organization. In this city it will be assisted by a large number of military and patriotic societies composing Southern California Council for National Defense.

We have arranged an elaborate program during the dinner featuring the R.O.T.C. which will furnish a band, drill team and color bearers and the bugle and drum corps of the Rainbow Division will also participate. Following will be a short speaking program, the civilian speakers being Judge Frank C.Collier and Judge Benj.F.Bledsoe.

In addition to the military organizations we hope for a goodly attendance of leaders in civil industries.

If you can be with us it is believed that you will have an interesting and enjoyable evening.

Very sincerely,

Geo.H.Chase
Lt.Colonel,I.G.-Res
Commander.

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April 6, 1932.

PERSONAL

My dear Mr. Whitsett:

Particularly do I wish to express my appreciation to you for your generous words yesterday as a representative of the Metropolitan Water District, at the luncheon given in my honor.

It has been a pleasure to see you and talk with you on several occasions since I gave up the chairmanship of the Water and Power Resources Committee, and I shall hope to have the pleasure of seeing you frequently in the future.

Again I want to thank you for your part in the gifts presented to me. Nothing that could have been given to me would I have appreciated more than the set of "The Bibelot", which is a fine addition to the items which I have collected from the Mosher Press. That and the lamp, which now rests upon my desk, will be constant reminders of the warm friendships formed while we all worked together on the Water and Power Resources Committee of the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce.

With kindest personal regards and best wishes always, I am

Gratefully yours,

Henry O. Wheeler

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Mr. W. P. Whitsett
Pres., Metropolitan Water District
306 West 3rd Street
Los Angeles, Calif.

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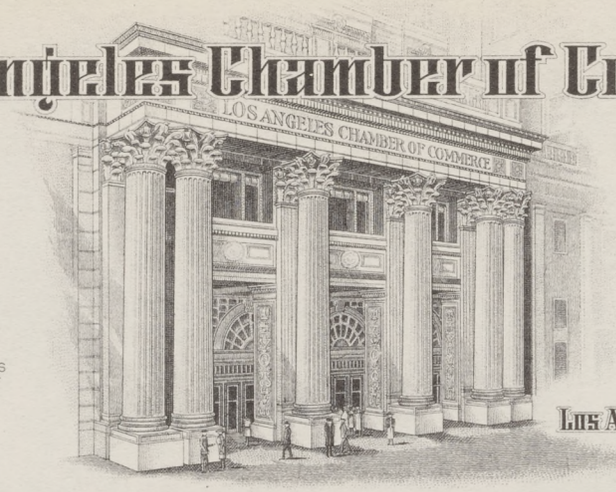


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April 18, 1932

Mr. W. P. Whitsett,
Chairman,
Metropolitan Water District,
306 West Third St.,
Los Angeles.

Dear Mr. Whitsett:

Thank you for your letter of April 14. Your analysis of the last Federal population census is an excellent one.

We are making considerable use of similar figures in our industrial work.

The burden of our present-day difficulties must not blind us to the things that have already happened or to the things that will happen if our courage and good sense are maintained and properly used.

With all best wishes, I am

Very truly yours,

LOS ANGELES CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

AGA:AN

Secretary & General Manager

August 9, 1932

Mr. Harry Chandler,
Los Angeles Times,
Los Angeles, California

Dear Mr. Chandler:

I am very pleased to accept your invitation to have lunch at the Biltmore next Friday, August 12, at twelve o'clock noon.

It happens that our Advisory Council meets just prior to this and our Board just after, but I will arrange so as to avoid any conflict.

Yours very truly,

W. P. Whitsett

THE LOS ANGELES CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

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August 24, 1932.

Mr. W. P. Whitsett, Chairman,
Metropolitan Water District,
306 W. 3rd Street,
Los Angeles, California.

Dear Mr. Whitsett:

You are cordially invited to be the guest of the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce at a luncheon to be given at the Pacific Coast Club, Ocean Boulevard, Long Beach, at 12:15 P. M., Tuesday, August 30th, honoring the United States Senate Committee on Reclamation and Irrigation followed by a trip to one of the battleships in port.

Anticipating your acceptance, I am

Sincerely yours,

A. J. Ehlers

PRESIDENT.

AS:EO

August 27, 1932

Mr. Walter Mendenhall, Manager,
Van Nuys Publishing Company,
Van Nuys, California

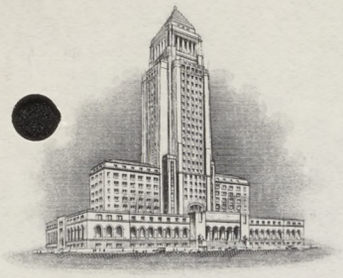
Dear Mr. Mendenhall:

Because of my position as Chairman of the Board of Directors of The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, to which I am giving my time without compensation as a community service, I have felt it to be my duty to refrain from participating in election activities and have adopted the policy of not endorsing or signing petitions, even those of very close personal friends. In every case that has arisen, I have found that my attitude has been recognized and understood.

In this connection, however, I want to express my appreciation publicly and otherwise for the many services that have been rendered to the Metropolitan Water District by many of our public representatives now in office.

With sincere regards,

W. P. Whitsett



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# BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS

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OFFICE OF

EDGAR A. ELKINS, PRESIDENT

Sept. 27, 1932.

Hon. W. P. Whitsett,
c/o Provident Building & Loan Assoc.,
Van Nuys, California.

Dear Mr. Whitsett:

The Ceremony for laying the San Fernando Valley Municipal Building Cornerstone at Van Nuys will be held immediately following a monster parade at 2:30 p.m. Thursday, October 6, 1932.

The Committee instructed me to invite you to enter the parade which will form at the intersection of Van Nuys Boulevard and Vanowen Street at 2:00 p.m. and will include entries from all of the Valley Communities, the Los Angeles Police Band, Mayor John C. Porter, the City Council and many other City and County officials.

The program for the Ceremony provides for an address to be delivered by you and suggests that you give a brief history of San Fernando Valley and to include in your remarks the appreciation of the entire Valley to the Mayor and City Council for their splendid co-operation, etc.

I feel that the parade and Ceremony will not be complete without you and I would appreciate your acceptance at an early date so that the program may then be immediately forwarded to the printer.

Cordially yours,

Edgar A. Elkins

EDGAR A. ELKINS-President,
Board of Public Works

EAE:MC

January 6, 1933

Mr. Orra E. Monnette,
Bank of America,
Los Angeles, California

Dear Mr. Monnette:

Thank you sincerely for your kind expression on the beginning of the New Year. In these trying times your radiant enthusiasm and generous cooperation has been stimulating to me and I am sure many others.

My sincere regards are extended to you both personally and on behalf of the District.

Yours very truly,

W. P. Whitsett

ORRA EUGENE MONNETTE
350 SOUTH OXFORD AVENUE
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

December 29, 1932.

Mr. W. P. Whitsett, Prest.,
Metropolitan Water Board.,

Dear Mr Whitsett;

I want to thank you, from the bottom of my heart, for your friendship and good-will. I am grateful, and shall try to reciprocate, as the days run along.

I wish for you, and yours, more than the formal New Year's wishes- a thought that you way may be smoother, in your great, unselfish public service- that happiness and prosperity may be yours, and that you may increase your friends, as I have mine.

My deepest regards,

Very sincerely yours,

Orra E. Monnette

January 27, 1933

Mr. Will Hays,
128 West 44th Street,
New York, N. Y.

My dear Will:

Have your dog with the fighting heart working for the District now. He is ragging a pack of canine curs that have been barking at our heels.

Enclosed is statement and editorial appearing in the Los Angeles "Times" of this morning.

Yours very truly,

W. P. Whitsett

Enc.

WPW Pers.

February 15, 1933

Mr. Harry Chandler,
Los Angeles Times,
Los Angeles, California

Dear Mr. Chandler:

It was a great pleasure to me to meet you at Boulder City and to be able to go over that gigantic project with you. Also, I want to thank you for your kind hospitality in making available to me a place in your car on the return trip.

I wish more of our leading citizens could find the time and interest to obtain first-hand information about the dam and aqueduct projects as you and Mr. Garland were doing on this occasion.

With sincere regards,

W. P. Whitsett

WPW Ber.

February 15, 1933

Mr. P. G. Spillsbury,
300 Title and Trust Bldg.,
Phoenix, Arizona

Dear Mr. Spillsbury:

I have been informed by Mr. Gram of his conversation with you in which some mention was made as to whether copper was being used in the homes which I am constructing in the San Fernando Valley. Unfortunately I am not at present using copper, though through no fault of mine because I recognize its superior advantages and would be willing to use it at the increased cost. However, my investigations reveal that the sheet metal workers have so far, at least, failed to take into account the decreased cost of metal.

The cost of installing gutters, drains, and flashings, is largely a matter of labor, and if the price of the metal were brought down to a present basis, I feel I could justify its use. I would appreciate any suggestions from you as to how I might proceed to obtain my copper requirements at a price which would warrant my using it.

I have in mind a continuation of my building program and will therefore from time to time be in the market for material.

Yours very truly,

W. P. Whitsett

WPW Pers

February 16, 1933

Mr. Cliff D. Carpenter, President,
Rotary Club of Van Nuys,
Van Nuys, California

Dear Mr. Carpenter:

I received your letter of February 7, and note the change in the plans for the City Hall dedication ceremonies on the 22nd.

Yours very truly,

W. P. Whitsett

wPW Rec.

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# ROTARY CLUB OF VAN NUYS

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Mr. W. P. Whitset, Chairman
Metropolitan Water Board
306 West 3rd Street
Los Angeles, California

Dear Sir:

The original plans of the Van Nuys Rotary Club, to be the community host at the luncheon meeting held in connection with the dedication ceremonies of the San Fernando branch of the City Hall, have been somewhat enlarged, and will be jointly participated in by the Van Nuys Chamber of Commerce group and the Van Nuys Kiwanis Club.

These three organizations become joint hosts, and you will, in the course of a few days, receive a further invitation.

Very truly yours,

Cliff D. Carpenter

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March 24, 1933.

Mr. W. P. Whitsett, Chairman,
Metropolitan Water District,
306 West Third Street,
Los Angeles, California.

Dear Mr. Whitsett:

I read with care and with a great deal of interest last evening your remarks prepared for the occasion of the Construction Industries Banquet, March 16, 1933.

I would emphasize some phases a little more strongly and others, perhaps, a little less in proportion but I want to compliment you and to commend the statement as a whole. I think every thought and fact brought out is very true and of much importance in the development of our community. In other words, the representations made by you are certainly justifiable and it would be well if they were so understood and appreciated by our whole people.

I do feel that the statement would be better balanced and give a fuller and better understanding of our economic conditions if you placed the power generating and transmission project of the Bureau of Power and Light, and its utilization through the local system of that Bureau, on the basis of one of three major projects of importance to metropolitan Los Angeles. You, yourself, fully appreciate and reflect, I am sure, the thought in the statement, that cheap power is fundamental to manufacturing and industrial development in our metropolitan area along with the water; and that the immense stimulus to industry the Boulder Canyon Project will give to such development, with the future Colorado River water supply as a necessary background, is the only means through which we can get our people to work again and thus come to the realization of opportunity and happiness in our midst once more.

I thank you very much for the confidence shown and the compliment extended in asking for my criticism of your statement, which I may say again, is most excellent.

Very truly yours,

L. F. Scattergood

Chief Electrical Engineer and
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March 24th, 1933

Mr. W. P. Whitsett,
The Metropolitan Water District,
Los Angeles, Calif.

Dear Mr. Whitsett:

Thanks for a copy of your paper and your letter of the 20th.

I cannot conceive how anyone could even think of reducing the size of the tunnels to 12 feet and then in a few years put in another tunnel, when a 16 foot tunnel would be large enough to take care of the entire flow of the aqueduct.

As a practical matter, I do not believe it would cost 10 or 15% more money to drive a 16 foot tunnel than it would cost to drive a 12 foot. About the only extra cost would be the cost of removing the material and the increased cost of material for lining. I take it, it is just one of the last gasps of the opposition who have done everything possible to oppose this project from its inception.

Sincerely yours,

Watt L. Moreland

WLM:HT

March 25, 1933

Mr. F. J. Connolly, Manager,
Associated General Contractors
of America,
Southern California Chapter,
350 Chamber of Commerce Bldg.,
Los Angeles, California

Dear Mr. Connolly:

In accordance with the suggestion in your letter of March 22, I am sending you ten copies of my remarks previously sent to Mr. Atkinson, in which I have incorporated and amplified the information contained in my letter of transmittal to Mr. Atkinson.

With sincere regards,

W. P. Whitsett

Enc.

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Mr. W. P. Whitsett
Chairman of Board of Directors
Metropolitan Water District
Los Angeles, California

Dear Mr. Whitsett:

Mr. Atkinson has referred your remarks at the Construction Industries Banquet to me for publicity and I have forwarded the only copy received to the Southwest Builder and Contractor.

If you will be kind enough to furnish me ten more copies I will send them to the principal trade publications with a strong request for publication. Perhaps before releasing this you might wish to incorporate the contents of your letter to Mr. Atkinson explaining to the layman the relative size of the 12 and 16 foot aqueducts and your recommendation that it be built full size, as well as your comment on previous droughts.

If you care to incorporate these matters in your speech we will await the receipt of revised copy before releasing to any papers excepting the Southwest Builder.

Sincerely yours,

F. J. CONNOLLY
Manager

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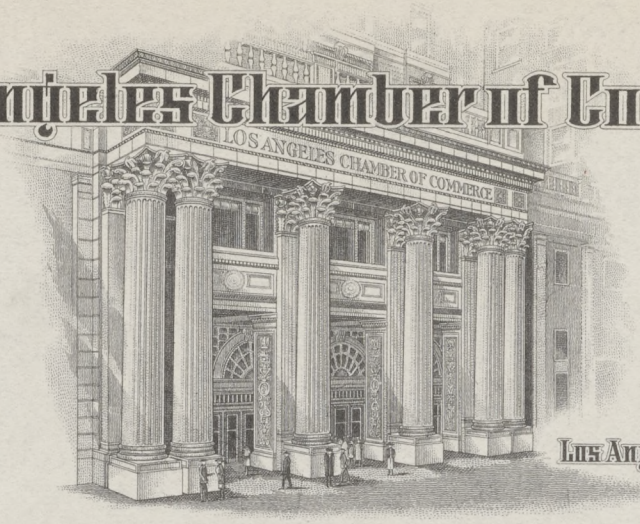


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Mr. W. P. Whitsett, Chairman
The Metropolitan Water District
306 West Third Street
Los Angeles, California

Dear Mr. Whitsett:

Thank you for yours of March 20 with copy of your remarks prepared for the occasion of the Construction Industries banquet.

After all, the decision on the matters which you mention rests with your Board and yourself and it seems to me the answer gets right down to the ability of the community to pay. Oftentimes, individuals as well as communities find it more economical to decrease their first expenditure in difficult times even if eventually the particular project will cost them more.

It is not an easy matter to decide, but it has always seemed to me personally that with the conflicting ideas concerning the subject, it would be good psychology at least to build certain portions of the Aqueduct to less dimensions than the original design and leave it to the future to decide the wisdom of the move.

With kindest personal regards, I am,

Very truly yours,

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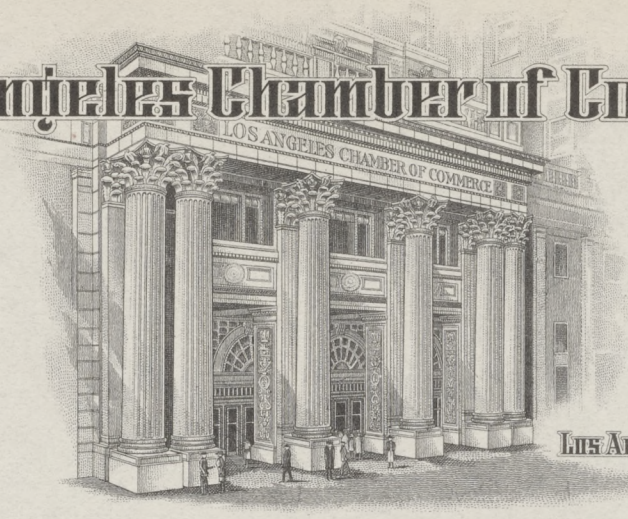


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Mr. W. P. Whitsett, Chairman
The Metropolitan Water District
306 West Third Street
Los Angeles, California

Dear Mr. Whitsett:

I have yours of March 18 with copy of your proposed talk at the Construction Industries banquet.

I feel, as Mr. Arnoll does, that it is not a question of what we would like to have in these days, but what we can afford to pay for, and it is unfortunate that you and your Board of Directors, burdened as you are with the task of building the Aqueduct, should have to pass upon the economics of the problem as well as its construction.

I feel, however, that you would be less liable to criticism if certain sections of the Aqueduct were not built to full capacity even if it cost more later on to do so, on the theory that the present day business situation warrants this reduction in cost and when things return to normal or better than normal, increased costs of providing the additional facilities would be likewise warranted.

With kindest personal regards,

Very truly yours,

W. A. Simpson
President
LOS ANGELES CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

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LE ROY D. OWEN
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THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

My dear Mr. Whitsett:

Please accept my thanks for your interesting letter of March 20th to which was attached a copy of your remarks of March 16th. The information contained in these communcations is most instructive and I appreciate your thoughtfulness in forwarding this matter to me.

Personally, I have been disappointed in the inability of the Citizens Advisory Committee to be of instructive help to the Board. I am of the belief that it will be necessary prior to the completion of this vast project to have a committee of this sort to assist the Board where it may appear desirable in this undertaking. I hope, therefore, that eventually some co-operative group may be conceived and allowed to function accordingly.

With this, please accept my kindest personal regards.

Cordially yours,

L. Roy D. Owen

Mr. W. P. Whitsett, Chairman,
The Metropolitan Water District,
306 West Third Street,
Los Angeles, California.

March 28, 1933

Mr. Will Hays,
128 West 44th Street,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Will:

I thought you might like to look over the enclosed copy of some remarks which I prepared for a recent meeting. They include my views as to some factors which will cause this area to continue to grow.

With sincere regards,

W. P. Whitsett

Enc.

March 28, 1933

Mr. Max Puett,
Association of Motion Pictures
Producers, Inc.,
5504 Hollywood Boulevard,
Los Angeles, California.

Dear Max:

I sent a copy of the enclosed remarks which I prepared for a recent occasion, to Will and thought you might like to look over what I consider to be some factors which will influence the growth of Southern California.

Yours very truly,

W. P. Whitsett

Enc.

March 28, 1933

Mr. Earl Lee Kelly, Chairman,
California Highway Commission,
Department of Public Works,
Sacramento, California.

Dear Mr. Kelly:

Enclosed is a copy of some remarks which I had intended making at the recent banquet but did not because of the length of the program and the lateness of the hour.

Yours very truly,

W. P. Whitsett

Enc.

March 28, 1933

Mr. Frank A. Tetley,
4344 Market Street,
Riverside, California.

Dear Mr. Tetley:

For presentation at a recent meeting in Los Angeles, I drafted some remarks which incorporate my views as to the future of Southern California and its relation to the size of the aqueduct. Thinking you might be interested in looking this over, I am sending you a copy.

Yours very truly,

W. P. Whitsett

Enc.

March 28, 1933

Mr. T. E. Stanton,
California Highway Commission,
Department of Public Works,
Sacramento, California.

Dear Mr. Stanton:

I am of the opinion that we must prepare for a continued expansion and concentration of people in Southern California. Recently I prepared some remarks in connection with a banquet which incorporate my views on some of the factors which will influence our growth.

Because of the important position you hold in our State government, I am sending you a copy with the hope you may have time to read it.

Yours very truly,

W. P. Whitsett

Enc.

March 28, 1933

Mr. Addison B. Day, President,
All Year Club,
1151 South Broadway,
Los Angeles, California.

Dear Mr. Day:;

I have been following very closely your national advertising program. As one who has made a close study of the economics of industrial locations and the movements of people in the United States, particularly with respect to Southern California, I believe that the next decade will see a tremendous growth and expansion of this area.

One local natural resource which possibly has not received consideration in proportion to its possibilities is the development of the Owens Valley as a mountain recreational area. If handled properly it could be made an international attraction rivaling the Swiss Alps.

In connection with a banquet held recently at the Biltmore, I drafted some remarks which incorporate in fairly brief form my views on the growth and expansion of Southern California. Believing you would be interested in readding them, I am sending you a copy enclosed.

With sincere regards,

W. P. Whitsett

Enc.

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Hon. W. P. Whitsett,
Metropolitan Water District,
306 West Third Street,
Los Angeles, California.

Dear Paul:

Just now I have your letter of the twenty-eighth, forwarded from New York, and am glad to hear from you. Too, I have noted the speech with interest and appreciation.

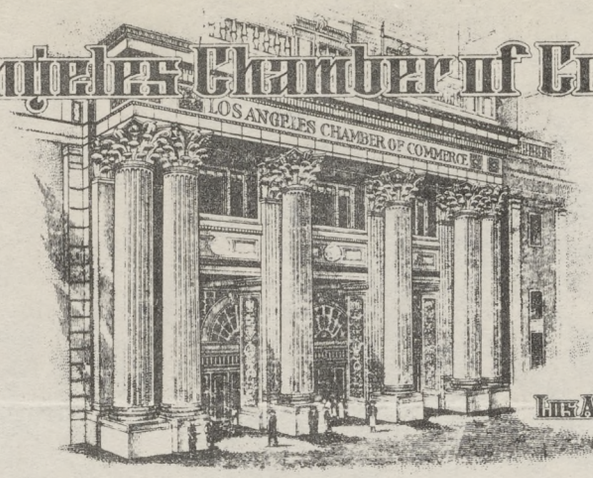
The enclosed may interest you.

With best wishes always, I am

Sincerely yours,

Will H. Hays

# Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce

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April 29, 1933

Board of Directors,
The Breakfast Club,
3213 Riverside Drive,
Los Angeles.

Gentlemen:

The Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce is very much pleased that your splendid institution has been able to overcome its difficulties, and that you are proceeding afresh with an enlarged program and are seeking additional members.

We have been in the closest touch with your work for many years past. The Breakfast Club is not only a unique organization, and as such a real asset from the viewpoint of our visitors, but it is unique also in the type, character and value of the work which it performs for the local community.

This letter is written to you as an expression of our appreciation, and to express the hope that your membership campaign will be successful, feeling as we do that your organization deserves the support and cooperation of all good citizens.

With every best wish, we are

Very truly yours,

LOS ANGELES CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

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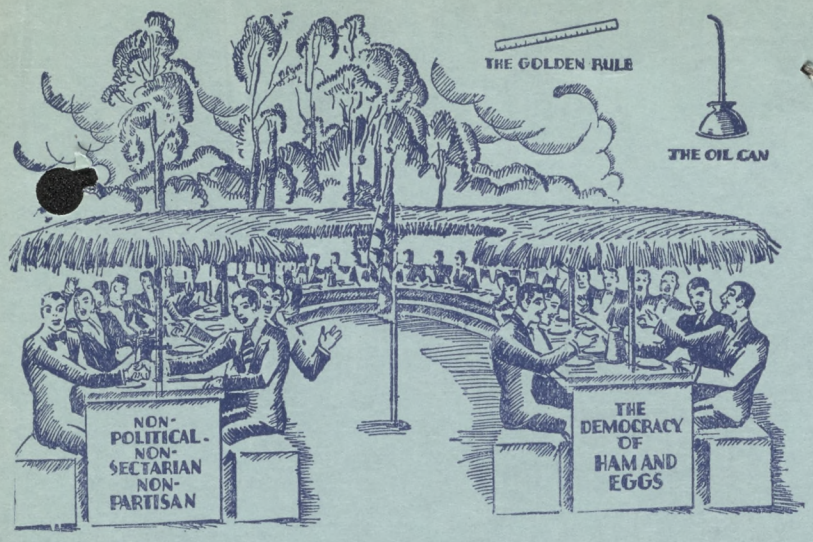

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August 7, 1933

Mr. W. P. Whitsett,
306 W. 3rd
Los Angeles

Dear Mr. Whitsett:

We are happy to extend this cordial invitation to you to become a member of The Breakfast Club.

We ask you to consider this invitation, not merely as an opportunity to associate yourself with a group of representative men who have built a typically-Californian institution around the ideal of Friendship, but also to consider it as a call from that group to join in the maintenance of an active agency that has become of vital importance to the community life of Southern California.

In other words, Breakfast-Clubbers feel that they belong to an organization from which they derive an unusual amount of entertainment, fellowship and inspiration---and, in addition, that the membership (in a club that has become internationally known) in itself carries a distinction.

The chief consideration with many of them, however, is the feeling that each one (in maintaining his own membership) is making a definite contribution to the well-being of Los Angeles.

We have asked Breakfast-Clubber Commissioner E. E. Cox to give this invitation a personal touch by calling on you. (He is giving his time without a cent of remuneration.) We are also enclosing another letter herewith which we are proud to say will give you a sort of "second the motion" from the viewpoint of the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce.

It will be a pleasure to have you as a guest some Wednesday morning soon, and we venture the hope that you will find it in your heart to accept our invitation to membership.

Cordially yours,
THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
THE BREAKFAST CLUB,

Carl Laemmle

President

HBL:BG

May 3, 1933

Mr. Elmer L. Sisson,
456 Subway Terminal Bldg.,
Los Angeles, California.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of the 26th has been received. You do not indicate the nature of the proposal to which you refer.

To be quite frank with you, I am not interested in any further business activities than those I now have in hand.

Yours very truly,

W. P. Whitsett

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456 Subway Terminal Bldg.,
Los Angeles, Cal., Apr.26,1933.

Mr. W.P. Whitsett,
C/O Metropolitan
Water District,
Los Angeles, Cal.

Dear Sir:

All are agreed that present conditions make it difficult to find investments,large or small, where safety and an opportunity for profit exists. However, as Shakespeare says: "It is an ill wind that profits nobody." These conditions do offer unusual opportunities for those who investigate.

I have not stock, bonds or other securities for sale. What I would like to present to you is connected with one of the oldest and most stable natural resources, and is the only commodity for which there is an unlimited market at a guaranteed price, and is in no way subject to adverse legislation.

If you become convinced after I have presented the facts, you can, if you desire, co-operate with me in taking advantage of this most unusual opportunity.

I will much appreciate having you indicate when I may have the privilege of presenting this subject.

Very truly yours,

Elmer L. Sisson

ELS/MD.

May 3, 1933

Mr. Joseph Scott,
1001-1012 Black Bldg.,
357 South Hill Street,
Los Angeles, California.

Dear Mr. Scott:

Thank you very much for your generous letter of the 29th. I fully realize the significance of what you say. Ever since taking on the responsibility as ammmamber of the Board of Directors of the Metropolitan Water District and as Chairman, I have realized that the only real compensation I can expect is a consciousness of having performed a civic duty to the best of the ability that is in me. Southern California has been exceedingly good to me in restoring my health and otherwise, and I hope in some measure to pass on in a substantial way a small contribution of the gratitude I feel.

I am confident that as a Board we are going to do the job in the same way and with equal, if not greater benefit, to the generation which will succeed us as did the Los Angeles Aqueduct to the one in which we have lived.

With sincere regards,

W. P. Whitsett

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MAY 1933
RECEIVED
THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

April
Twenty-ninth,
1933.

Dear Mr. Whitsett:

Let me thank you for favoring me with an invitation to be with you at the forthcoming aqueduct progress celebration. I shall indeed be happy to share in the satisfaction which you as President of the Board must feel in the progress of this tremendous undertaking. The old phrase, "A prophet is not without honor save in his own country," I trust will be discounted in your case and that you will have the pleasure of seeing your fellow citizens rise in gratitude and appreciation for the prophetic views you have had in regard to the need of this tremendous enterprise and your confidence in its ultimate completion.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Joseph Scott

Mr. W. P. Whitsett,
Chairman, Board of Directors,
Metropolitan Water District,
3rd and Broadway,
Los Angeles, California.

OFFICE OF THE MANAGER

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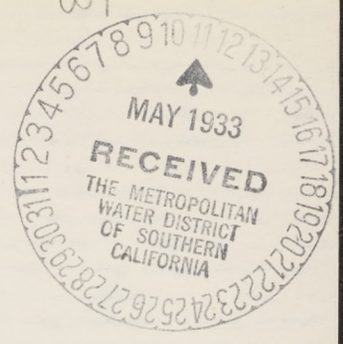
# The Desert Inn

PALM SPRINGS CALIFORNIA




May 10, 1933

Mr. W. P. Whitsett
306 West Third Street
Los Angeles, California.

Dear Mr. Whitsett:

The management of the Desert Inn is pleased to extend to Mrs. Whitsett and yourself an invitation for you to be their personal guests for the week-end of May 12th.

Trusting that you will be able to accept this invitation, and awaiting your reply, we are

Sincerely yours

Earl Coffman

EC:M

Earl Coffman

May 25, 1933

Mr. Thaddeus Merriman,
Room 1133,
346 Broadway,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Merriman:

A day or so ago your son Mansfield, was in and presented the letter which you gave him under date of January 17. It was a pleasure to meet him and to learn of his intense interest in Southern California. He seemed to have an appreciation of its possibilities and its future.

I told him we would be glad to do anything to make it possible for him, if he so desired, to see the work now in progress.

With sincere regards,

W. P. Whitsett

THADDEUS MERRIMAN

January 17, 1933.

Mr. William P. Whitsett,
Chairman, Metropolitan Water District of Southern California,
306 West Third Street,
Los Angeles, California.

Dear Mr. Whitsett:

The bearer of this note is my son, Mansfield Merriman, who is looking the country over via one of the masterpieces of Henry Ford.

I have told him that while in Los Angeles he must be sure to present my compliments to you, hence the reason for this note.

You do not know him, but he knows all about you, because I have told him much of the Chairman of the Metropolitan District.

I was happy to note in the news that you have disposed of the first lot of bonds and hope that things will go along rapidly and smoothly.

With all good wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Thaddeus Merriman

P.S. Have just seen Director Thomas here in the city where he is attending the Civil Engineers Meeting.

October 26, 1934

Honorable Board of Water and
Power Commissioners,
207 South Broadway,
Los Angeles, California

Gentlemen:

Upon returning to my office from which I had been absent since my recent bereavement, I found Mr. Vroman's letter transmitting a certified copy of the resolution adopted by you and expressing sympathy to me and my family on the passing of Mrs. Whitsett.

Your kindness and thoughtfulness are sincerely appreciated both on behalf of the memory of our departed Wife and Mother and myself.

Sincerely yours,

W. P. Whitsett

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# MORELAND MOTOR TRUCK COMPANY

MANUFACTURERS
MORELAND MOTOR TRUCKS

Watt L. Moreland, Receiver
Box 1027, Burbank,
Cal., U.S.A.

November 15, 1933

Mr. W. P. Whitsett,
306 West 3d St.,
Los Angeles, Calif.

Dear Mr. Whitsett:

I still havn't forgotten the subject that we have discussed before, that is, part time agricultural and factory employment, and am enclosing herewith copy of letter I have written to Secretary Ickes.

The Conference Board Service Letter of October 30th, sent out by the National Industrial Conference Board, 247 Park Avenue, New York, treats of this subject and if you havn't received the letter would suggest that you secure one of them.

Sincerely yours,

Watt L. Moreland

WLM:HT

November 15, 1933

Hon. Harold L. Ickes,
Secretary of the Interior,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

I note that one of the departments of the Government, I am not sure whether it is the Interior Department or not, is considering part time employment in the factory and part time employment on small farms.

I have given this subject considerable thought for the past years. Our factory,- a motor truck factory,- is located in one of the agricultural suburbs of Los Angeles and we are in an excellent position to put such a plan into effect.

A year or two ago I advised our employees that we would probably be unable to provide them with more than three or four days work per week and suggested that they purchase an acre or two of ground and produce a part of their own sustenance,- produce not to sell but to support themselves and family.

If you have any information that would be of assistance to me in working out such a plan, I would appreciate receiving it. Or, in case it is not within your province, would request that you kindly refer this letter to the proper official.

The California Manufacturers Association, an organization of which I am the vice-president, consisting of about 1200 of the larger manufacturers in California, is very anxious that the manufacturers in California, and the entire Pacific Coast for that matter, have an opportunity to bid on Government requirements that are used on the Pacific Coast. As the requests for bids usually cover material and supplies for use throughout the United States as well as on the Pacific Coast, the manufacturers on the Coast are not in a position to supply their product in the eastern or mid-western states in competition with the eastern manufacturer and are therefore prohibited from bidding. If the bids for supplies, materials and equipment to be used on the Pacific Coast could be separated from the eastern requirements, it would enable the manufacturers on the coast, who are in a position to supply these goods in many instances at a much better advantage than the eastern manufacturer, to bid and possibly secure Government contracts and thus put some of our idle men to work.

It would seem to be only fair that the Government purchases should be distributed, as far as possible, over various sections of the United States. The Army and Navy for some years have been doing everything possible to develop industries on the Pacific Coast, particularly industries whose products would be required in case of war, and it would seem that this request of our Manufacturers Association, if followed out, would be to the best interests of the country as a whole.

Thanking you in advance for any information relative to part time factory and agricultural employment, and consideration of this latter request, I am,

Respectfully yours,

Watt L. Moreland
MORELAND MOTOR TRUCK COMPANY

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The Huntington
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DEC 1933
RECEIVED
THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

December 16,1933

Mr. W.P.Whitsett,
The Metropolitan Water District,
306 West Third Street,
Los Angeles,California.

Dear Mr. Whitsett:-

Many thanks for your note of introduction to your staff on the Metropolitan Water District tunneling. The day before I received your note of introduction I visited the Whitewater tunnel and the Berdoo tunnel and greatly enjoyed my visit. I was very much pleased with the record as to speed made in the bores.

I hope to have the pleasure of another visit to the scene of operations and also to have the pleasure of expressing to you in person my appreciation of your courtesy.

With kind regards,

Sincerely yours,

John Hays Hammond

February 22, 1934

206 So. Commonwealth

Mr. W. P. Whitsett
Chairman,
Metropolitan Water District
Los Angeles, Calif.

Dear Mr. Whitsett

My sincerest thanks and appreciation for your letter of introduction to Mr. Walker Young, Construction Engineer on Boulder Dam. I did not meet Mr. Young, but my friends and I were given every consideration in getting a real view of the project. Having seen Boulder Dam and the Colorado River aqueduct, I have acquired much of the inspiration and pride that characterize yourself and the others who have given so freely of themselves for the accomplishment of these vast projects.

Thanking you again,

Sincerely,

Marvin Chesbro

May 23, 1934

Mr. Frank A. Miller,
The Mission Inn,
Riverside, California

Dear Mr. Miller:

Replying to your letter of May 19 regarding the National Highway 60 Association meeting at The Mission Inn on June 11 and 12, I shall be very glad to be present on one of the days and take part in your program if I am in California at that time. Just now it is impossible for me to say that I can be here as I expect to go to Washington in the near future and may be detained.

In the event of my being unable to be present, if the pictures which Mr. Westerfield saw at the Biltmore Hotel at the Ad Club meeting the other day would be of any help, I shall be glad to arrange for you to have them with someone qualified to furnish any information and say a few words concerning the aqueduct.

Yours very truly,

W. P. Whitsett

May 19, 1934.

Mr. W. P. Whitsett,
Van Nuys, California.

Dear Mr. Whitsett:

On June 11th and 12th the National Highway 60 Association meets at the Mission Inn. The President is Mr. H. H. McClintock of Bartlesville, Oklahoma. Governors of all states traversed by the route, from the Atlantic to the Pacific, have been extended an invitation by the President to attend, and by me to be my complimentary guests at Mission Inn during the meeting. Our Governor cannot be here. In considering the type of man who should speak for California, our mutual friend Mike Westerfield says that you can do it better than anyone else, and it is logical because you have so much at stake in the Metropolitan Water District. I beg of you to be on hand for this meeting. The Governor of Arizona has promised to come. If he fails us, Mr. W. A. Sullivan, National Vice President of the Association, says he will have a speaker to tell the meeting about the wonders of Arizona.

Please say that you can help us on this occasion, when there will be present representatives of an Association interested in a road going through nine states to the east of us.

Yours sincerely,

Frank A. Miller.

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Yes

Enclose copies of Sullivan & Governor's letters

COPY

May 19, 1934.

Mr. W. A. Sullivan,
Globe, Arizona.

Dear Mr. Sullivan:

Mr. Miller and Mike hope that you will invite the Governors of all the states of Highway 60 to attend the convention here June 11th and 12th. Mr. Miller wants them to be invited to be his personal guests here at Mission Inn, and in order to bring that invitation in I have made out the attached suggestive invitation to Governors which you can change to suit yourself. But let it go out under your name at once, because there is so little further time.

Sincerely yours,

DVH/ww

DeWitt V. Hutchings.

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Dear Mr. Sullivan:

Mr. Miller and Mike hope that you will invite the Governors of all the states of Highway 80 to attend the convention here June 11th and 12th. Mr. Miller wants them to be invited to be his personal guests here at Mission Inn, and in order to bring that invitation in I have made out the attached suggestive invitation to Governors which you can change to suit yourself. But let it go out under your name at once, because there is so little further time.

Sincerely yours,

DVH\ww DeWitt V. Hutchings.

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Governor - - - -

Dear Governor ------- :

On June 11th and 12th the National Highway 60 Association holds its annual meeting at Mission Inn, Riverside, California. Highway 60 has recently received its official complete routing to the Pacific Coast, and as it links states east and west of yours, from the Atlantic to the Pacific, and as it offers some of the finest scenic and historical interest of any transcontinental highway, the convention is of great importance to your state, and the Highway 60 Association extends to you and your family a most urgent and cordial invitation to attend its annual meeting June 11th and 12th at Riverside. Mr. Frank A. Miller, proprietor of Mission Inn, wishes to invite yourself and any accompanying you to be his personal guests during the time of the convention. We hope very much that it may be possible for you to attend; or if that is impossible, that some state official may be able to represent you at the convention.

Yours very sincerely,

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Yours very sincerely,

July 18, 1934

Mr. Ned Hedderly,
Gull Lake,
California.

Dear Ned:

This will introduce to you Attorney Reid from Long Beach, a former member of our Board representing that city, who has had a very strenuous campaign and wants to get away for a quiet rest where he can camp, fish, and enjoy the great out-of-doors.

I know that you are familiar with every nook and corner up there and can direct him to just the spot he is looking for after he tells you what his desire is.

Yours very truly,

W. P. Whitsett

BUREAU OF WATER WORKS & SUPPLY
H. A. VAN NORMAN
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OF WATER WORKS

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October 3, 1934.

Mr. W. P. Whitsett, Chairman,
Board of Directors,
Metropolitan Water District,
303 West Third Street,
Los Angeles, California.

Dear Sir:

In accordance with the instructions of the Board of Water and Power Commissioners at its meeting held on the 2nd instant, I am enclosing herewith a certified copy of a resolution adopted by the Board at said meeting, expressing the sympathy of the Board on the death of your wife, Mrs. W. P. Whitsett.

This also expresses the feeling of us all in relation to this sad event.

Very truly yours,

Jas. P. Vroman
Secretary.

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WHEREAS, the passing of Mrs. W. P. Whitsett, wife of W. P. Whitsett, Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Metropolitan Water District and former member of the Board of Water and Power Commissioners of the City of Los Angeles, has brought a deep sense of loss and sadness to the entire city of Los Angeles and environs; and

WHEREAS, the deceased was long and honorably associated with the growth and civic welfare of this City, giving unreservedly of her time and means to all worthy civic, religious and philanthropic causes;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Water and Power Commissioners of the City of Los Angeles, profoundly mindful of the great loss the community has sustained in the untimely passing of Mrs. Whitsett, expresses sincere sympathy to the bereaved husband and relatives; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution be spread upon the minutes of this meeting and a copy of the same be forwarded to Mr. W. P. Whitsett and family.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of Water and Power Commissioners of the City of Los Angeles at its meeting held October 2, 1934.

Jas. P. Gannon
Secretary.

November 8, 1934

Honorable Board of Supervisors,
County of Los Angeles,
Los Angeles, California.

Gentlemen:

My family joins with me in expressing our appreciation for the resolution adopted on the occasion of the death of our dear wife and mother.

For her to have merited the distinction of recognition on your part makes us very proud, indeed.

We shall always cherish your kind remembrance and sympathy.

Yours very truly,

W. P. Whitsett

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# County of Los Angeles
## Board of Supervisors
## Los Angeles

MAME B. BEATTY
CHIEF CLERK OF THE BOARD

MEMBERS of the BOARD
JOHN R. QUINN
CHAIRMAN
HUGH A. THATCHER
GORDON L. McDONOUGH
HARRY M. BAINE
ROGER JESSUP

November
1st
1934.

Mr. W. P. Whitsett,
6711 Van Nuys,
Van Nuys, California

Dear Sir:

Enclosed is copy of resolution which was adopted by the Board of Supervisors on October 3rd, 1934.

Very truly yours,

Mame B Beatty

Chief Clerk,
Board of Supervisors

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OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA,
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 3rd, 1934.

The Board met pursuant to adjournment. Present: Supervisors John R. Quinn, Chairman presiding, Hugh A. Thatcher, Gordon L. McDonough, Harry M. Baine and Roger Jessup; and L. E. Lampton, Clerk, by Mame B.Beatty, Deputy Clerk.

IN RE DEATH OF MRS. W.P. WHITSETT: RESOLUTION OF SYMPATHY.

On motion of Supervisor Jessup, unanimously carried, it is ordered that the following resolution be, and the same is hereby adopted, to wit:

Be it Resolved, that with deep sorrow the Board of Supervisors records the death of Mrs. W.P. Whitsett on September 26th, 1934.

For many years Mrs. Whitsett has been actively interested in the welfare of the citizens and contributed high standards to the community. To Mr. Whitsett and family is extended our sincerest sympathy, and the hope that our appreciation of her service may, in some measure, lighten the burden of their bereavement.

The foregoing resolution was adopted by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles, State of California, on October 3rd,1934, and is entered in the Minutes of said Board.

L. E. LAMPTON, County Clerk of the County of Los Angeles,State of California,and Ex-officio Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of said County,

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By _____ Deputy.

November 8, 1934

Van Nuys Chapter Number 338,
Order of the Eastern Star,
Van Nuys, California.

Dear Friends:

On behalf of myself and family I wish to express our deepest appreciation for the kind and beautiful sentiments expressed in your resolution adopted on the occasion of the passing of our dear wife and mother.

Your kind and generous sympathy will be long remembered and cherished.

Yours very truly,

W. P. Whitsett

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Van Nuys Cal.
10-22-34

To the Worthy Matron and members of Van Nuys Chapter Number 338 O.E.S.

Your Committee on resolutions of condolence, submit the following and recommend that same be spread upon our minuets and a copy sent to the bereaved family of Sara P. Whitsett.

''Whereas:

It was the will of our Heavenly Father to call Home our beloved sister Sara P. Whitsett on Septer 26th 1934, may we extend to you, her husband, daughter and sons our heartfelt sympathy.

''Out in Life's Garden where bloom flowers of
of wonderful hue,
God planted a rose of rare beauty, the soul of
our sister true,
He watched it unfold its petals, as day by day
it grew.
Warmed by the rays of sunlight and kissed by
the evening dew,
It wafted its own sweet message on wings like
a carrier dove,
To the hearts and lives of others, a message,
of faith, hope and love.''

Sincerely and fraternally

Nan Hall
Edna Ordelmundt
Genevieve Papke.

December 3, 1934

Mr. E. F. Scattergood,
Chief Electrical Engineer
and General Manager,
Bureau of Power and Light,
Los Angeles, California.

Dear Mr. Scattergood:

I have received your letter of the 28th expressing your interest and cooperation in the development of the San Fernando Valley portion of the City.

The Valley district with its resources of water and power will inevitably see a sustained and increased growth as a result of the President's policy of combating the depression and unemployment by placing a larger number of people on partially sustaining semi-rural units.

I notice that this morning's paper quotes Henry I. Harriman, present of the Chamber of Commerce of the United States, as saying, "Gradually remold the pattern of our economic life so that our people can own their own homes and have their own gardens, thus being partly independent of wages. The good road, the automobile, rapid transit and electric power transmission have made it possible for the worker to live miles from his place of employment under healthful and wholesome conditions and still work for wages in the factory."

Last summer in Washington I had a long talk with Mr. Harriman in which I outlined to him the possibilities for a combined garden acre--industrial development in the San Fernando Valley. He seemed very much impressed at the time.

With sincere regards,

W. P. Whitsett

December 27, 1934

Dr. A. H. Giannini,
Bank of America,
Los Angeles, California.

Dear Doctor Giannini:

I wish to thank you for your kind expression of Christmas greetings extended to me by your recent letter.

May the New Year continue prosperously your long record of high constructive social achievement.

Yours very truly,

W. P. Whitsett

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Bank of America
NATIONAL TRUST & SAVINGS ASSOCIATION
LOS ANGELES

DR. A. H. GIANNINI
CHAIRMAN
GENERAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

December 22, 1934.

Dear Mr. Whitsett:

You will doubtless receive many holiday messages. May I assure you that none will be prompted by more sincerity than this one.

It is a pleasure to extend to you on behalf of my fellow officers and myself, best wishes for a most joyful Christmas.

May the New Year bring to you and yours, health, happiness, and a goodly measure of prosperity.

Yours very sincerely,

A. H. Giannini

Mr. W. P. Whitsett,
Chairman of the Board,
Metropolitan Water District,
306 West 3rd Street,
Los Angeles, California.

January 2, 1935

Mr. P. G. Spilsbury,
Anaconda Wire and Cable Company,
25 Broadway,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Spilsbury:

I was most happy to receive your unique and appropriate Season's Greeting. The beautiful colors of the symbol on the rich copper background result in a truly delightful remembrance. Our Indian friends have applied the poetical touch to a high degree in dealing with the problems and desires of life. Those of us living in this semi-desert Southwest can easily understand the importance of including rain in a prayer for a prosperous year.

May the New Year prove to be a prosperous and happy one for you.

Sincerely yours,

W. P. Whitsett

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MEMORIAL

The deep sympathy of the members of the Board of Directors of The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California is extended to you on the untimely passing of Mrs. Whitsett.

Whatever consolation and comfort you may find in the knowledge that your fellow Directors are thinking of you and feel how great must be your sorrow in such an over-whelming loss are conveyed to you in this memorial.

We hope that the memory of departed happinesses and the devotion of your family and friends may in time help in making your loss more bearable.

O. E. Steward

Walter A. Ham

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| Perry H. Greer | Arthur A. Weber |

January 2, 1935

Mr. Watt L. Moreland,
Moreland Motor Truck Company,
Burbank, California.

Dear Mr. Moreland:

Thank you for your cheery holiday greeting and good wishes. It is particularly pleasant to be remembered by friends such as yourself who have shown their good will throughout the year. I appreciate your loyalty and friendliness towards us and take this opportunity to assure you of my gratitude.

May the New Year be all that one could desire in the bestowal of health, wealth, and happiness on you and yours.

Sincerely yours,

W. P. Whitsett

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January 2, 1935

Mr. Dwight R. G. Palmer,
420 Lexington Avenue,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Palmer:

I want to thank you for remembering me at the holiday season with your very beautiful card. It is nice to know that those we meet in a busy year remember us at this happy season and send their greetings. I hope this New Year of 1935 will bring you great prosperity and happiness.

Sincerely yours,

W. P. Whitsett

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January 2, 1935

Mr. and Mrs. Thaddeus Merriman,
Room 1133,
346 Broadway,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Friends:

Thank you for your friendly Season's Greeting. There is a warmth about hearing from friends at the holiday season that is good for us to experience.

Since you addressed Mrs. Whitsett and myself, you must not know that the past year brought great sorrow to me in the loss of Mrs. Whitsett. The Christmas season was quiet for us but pleasant.

I hope the New Year will be a happy and prosperous one for you and yours, and that we may see you in this part of the country before too long a time.

Very sincerely yours,

W. P. Whitsett

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March 12, 1935

Honorable John Steven McGroarty,
House of Representatives,
Washington, D. C.

Dear John:

Replying to your letter concerning Mr. C. R. Walleck, Mr. Walleck had some political connection back in Chicago and is among the more recent settlers of the San Fernando Valley.

I understand that a group of water users held a meeting at Van Nuys last week and split over the endorsement of Burt Holloway and Hugo Carlson. They finally got together and endorsed both of these men and sent their request in to the Mayor stating that either of them would be acceptable to the water users of the valley. Both men are of unquestionable integrity and understand the valley needs.

Hugo Carlson is one of the Directors of our Building and Loan Association. I have refused to take any part in the controversy.

I trust this information will answer your inquiry. I hope you are all well.

Sincerely,

W. P. Whitsett

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January 8, 1935

Mr. Carl R. Gray,
Care of Union Pacific System,
Omaha, Nebraska.

Dear Mr. Gray:

Your thoughtful Christmas greeting was extraordinarily beautiful and in keeping with the spirit of the West. The Tetons are symbolic of the obstacles overcome by the railroad builders who made the unity of this nation a possibility. You are to be highly commended for continuing those pioneering traditions in the developing of the new, faster, and more economical means of transportation.

With high regards I convey to you and Mrs. Gray hearfelt greetings and best wishes.

Sincerely yours,

W. P. Whitsett

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THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

August 5, 1935

Mr. W. P. Whitsett, Chairman
Metropolitan Water District
Los Angeles, California

Dear Mr. Whitsett:

After stopping at different places across the continent I have at last arrived at home.

I deeply appreciated the splendid hospitality shown me by you and Mrs. Whitsett during my recent visit to Los Angeles.

When you and Mrs. Whitsett come this way again I hope that Mrs. Hurley and I will have the pleasure of entertaining you in our home.

With many thanks and kind personal regards to you and Mrs. Whitsett, I am

Sincerely,

Patrick J. Hurley

PJH:LMC

August 16, 1935

Mr. Patrick J. Hurley,
Shoreham Building,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hurley:

After spending a couple of weeks in the High Sierras successfully campaigning against the elusive trout, Mrs. Whitsett and I returned and I found your note on my desk.

I was very glad to have the opportunity of entertaining you and look forward to seeing you again soon either here or in Washington.

Yours very truly,

W. P. Whitsett

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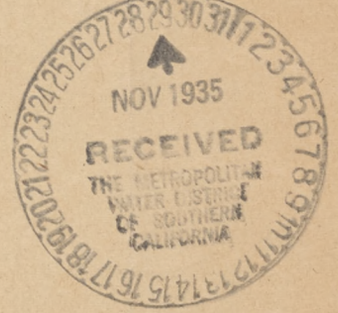


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San Francisco
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Mr. W. P. Whitsett, Chairman,
Board of Directors
Metropolitan Water District of Southern California
Los Angeles, California

Dear Mr. Whitsett:

I expect to be in Los Angeles Friday and Saturday. I will be at the Biltmore Hotel and would like to see you if you leave word where I can get in touch with you.

Sincerely

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Sincerely
George W. Malone

February 4, 1936

Hon. William McAdoo,
The Shoreham,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Senator McAdoo:

Enclosed is a memorandum which I hope covers the ideas you had in mind when you requested, during our trip together over the Aqueduct, a statement for the purpose of incorporating in the Congressional Record.

If it does not cover the points you had in mind, it may at least serve for something more adequate.

Yours very truly,

W. P. Whitsett, Chairman

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Enc.

March 2, 1936

Mrs. Orra Monnette,
350 South Oxford Avenue,
Los Angeles, California.

Dear Mrs. Monnette:

Upon my return today from the East I learned with great regret of the passing of your husband whom I regarded as a valued friend and one of the really great, outstanding men among the leaders of Southern California.

In addition to my personal sorrow, I feel very keenly what his loss will mean to our community. We can ill afford in times like these to lose such constructive and far-seeing minds upon whom the people must rely in building for the future on a sound and permanent basis. Great as must be your sorrow and the sorrow of your family, you must feel a great measure of pride and consolation in reflecting upon the magnificent contribution which he has made on behalf of Southern California.

I regret that my absence in the East prevented my being present at Mr. Monnette's funeral as an honorary pall bearer in accordance with the invitation which was sent to my office.

With sincerest regards and sympathy,

Sincerely yours,

W. P. Whitsett

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MICHIGAN 7277
LOS ANGELES

March 16, 1936

Mr. W. P. Whitsett
c/o Metropolitan Water District
306 West Third Street
Los Angeles, California

Dear Mr. Whitsett:

I certainly appreciate your thoughtfulness in reducing to writing your reactions gathered from your recent trip. This is valuable information to have, and I shall keep it with my other data which I use occasionally in preparing talks on Southern California.

Sincerely yours,

Bernard Brennan

BB:W

March 17, 1936

Mr. R. L. McCourt, President,
Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce,
Los Angeles, California.

Dear Mr. McCourt:

Following a recent rather extensive trip through the East, my Board of Directors asked me to summarize my observations.

Thinking you might be interested in them, I am sending you enclosed a copy of the letter.

Sincerely yours,

W. P. Whitsett

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Enc.

MAXWELL BOYD

March 17, 1936

Mr. Edwin Hedderly,
1833 North Normandie Avenue,
Los Angeles, California.

Dear Ned:

Enclosed is a copy of a letter which I prepared at the request of the Board of Directors of the District, covering my observations on a recent trip East, in which I thought you might find something of interest.

Sincerely yours,

W. P. Whitsett

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March 30, 1936

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THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

Mr. W. P. Whitsett, Chairman
The Metropolitan Water District
of Southern California
306 West Third Street
Los Angeles, California

Dear Mr. Whitsett:

I am in receipt of your letter of the 23rd covering your trip throughout the East. I thoroughly agree with you that the ultimate growth of Southern California is a matter of destiny and something that cannot be held back, providing we keep our advantages before the American people. Am also in accord with your belief that there is a strong desire to shift residences and activities to Southern California, throughout the East.

We must not forget, however, that Florida and the Eastern states are spending real money, in fact millions, in an effort to divert this much desired revenue to the Atlantic seaboard. There is only one way to overcome this and that is by continually and ...tionally advertising the possibilities of Southern California throughout the country. I am equally convinced that the only medium through which it can be successfully handled is the All-Year Club of Southern California.

Ironically enough, the Board of Supervisors, when the question of annual appropriation for the All-Year Club comes before them, instead of wholeheartedly and voluntarily increasing the appropriation, seem determined each time to cut it down.

The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, in view of our increased water supply and the necessity of increased population to assimilate the same, should be one of the strongest supporters of the All-Year Club of Southern California and I trust when the matter of appropriation comes before the Board of Supervisors we can depend upon your support in advocating an increase of same.

With kindest regards, I remain,

Yours very truly,

Marshall W. Taggart

MWT: CB

April 2, 1936

Mr. M. V. Gress,
c/o Timuquana Country Club,
Jacksonville, Florida.

Dear Mr. Gress:

I want to convey to you my apologies for not being able to express my appreciation for the many courtesies which you extended to me on my recent visit to your State.

It had been my hope and expectation to have seen you again before leaving, but circumstances dictated otherwise.

Whenever you come to Southern California, I hope to be able to reciprocate, at least to a slight degree, the many favors which you extended to me.

Sincere regards,

W. P. WHITSETT, Chairman

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Timuquana Country Club

extends the privileges of its Club House

to Mr W. P. Whitsett

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at the request of Mr M V Gress

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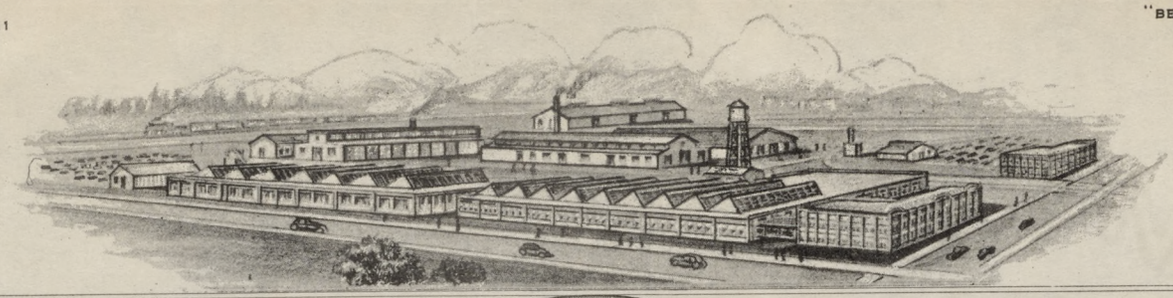

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April 2, 1936.

Mr. W. P. Whitsett,
The Metropolitan Water District,
306 West Third Street,
Los Angeles, California.

Dear Mr. Whitsett:

It is very pleasing to know that you have now returned to your office after a rather long absence in the East, and also that Los Angeles and Southern California still look good to you.

Sincerely,

Watt L. Moreland

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Watt L. Moreland.

# THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT
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April 8, 1936

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Now is an opportune time to follow up these statements and point out to the industrialists of our nation that Southern California, with an equable climate, dependable controlled water, productive soil, cheap hydroelectric power, and every facility for low cost transportation, fulfills the ideal requirements for furthering the "Back to the Soil" movement.

I feel sure that you, as one of the leaders to whom Southern California must look for guidance, will consider the statements of these two giants of industry of great potential benefit toward the development for which we are preparing by the building of the Colorado River Aqueduct and by doubling our hydroelectric power. I would very much appreciate your comment on this article.

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Sincerely yours,

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R. P. Whitsett, Chairman

# DECENTRALIZATION OF MANUFACTURING IS FAVORED BY A.P. SLOAN, GENERAL MOTORS HEAD, AND HENRY FORD.

FROM PACIFIC COAST EDITION, THE WALL STREET JOURNAL, APRIL 1, 1936.

DETROIT—HEADS OF THE TWO FOREMOST AUTOMOBILE MANUFACTURING COMPANIES IN THE WORLD, HENRY FORD, OF THE FORD MOTOR CO., AND ALFRED P. SLOAN, JR., PRESIDENT OF THE GENERAL MOTORS CORP., ARE COMMITTED TO BROAD POLICIES OF DECENTRALIZATION OF INDUSTRY, BOTH NOT ONLY AS REGARDS THE FUTURE DEVELOPMENT OF THEIR OWN COMPANIES, BUT ALSO AS A WORTHY POLICY FOR THE CONSIDERATION OF INDUSTRY IN GENERAL.

MR. FORD LONG HAS BEEN A PRACTITIONER OF HIS CONVICTION THAT BUSINESS SHOULD NO LONGER PURSUE THE GENERAL TREND FOLLOWED SINCE THE BEGINNING OF THE INDUSTRIAL REVOLUTION MORE THAN 200 YEARS AGO OF BRINGING ALL MANUFACTURE OF A CONCERN INTO ONE OR A FEW COMPACT OPERATING UNITS, USUALLY IN OR NEAR LARGE POPULATION CENTERS. THE ADVANTAGES CLAIMED FOR THIS THEORY OF PROXIMITY TO MARKET AND MORE ADEQUATE LABOR MARKET ARE MORE THAN OFFSET, SO HE FEELS, BY THE INADEQUATE LIVING CONDITIONS THAT DEVELOP WHEN LARGE GROUPS OF PEOPLE ARE FORCED BY CIRCUMSTANCES TO LIVE IN A CROWDED COMMUNITY.

IN A RECENT ADDRESS AT PONTIAC, MR. SLOAN, FOR THE FIRST TIME, DEVOTED CONSIDERABLE OF A SPEECH TO HIS VIEWS ON THE NEED FOR INDUSTRY TO DECENTRALIZE, AND INDICATED THAT ANY FURTHER EXPANSION OF GENERAL MOTORS WOULD BE UNDERTAKEN IN NEW COMMUNITIES, WHEREVER POSSIBLE.

## VIEWS CARRY WEIGHT

BELIEFS OF THESE TWO EXECUTIVES WHO HAVE HAD LONG EXPERIENCE WITH THE ADVANTAGES AND DISADVANTAGES OF CENTRALIZED MANUFACTURE, AND WHO HAVE GIVEN CAREFUL CONSIDERATION TO THE ALL-AROUND EFFECTS OF MANUFACTURE, ARE CONSIDERED SIGNIFICANT, AND AS POSSIBLY POINTING THE WAY OF WHATEVER INDUSTRIAL EXPANSION BUSINESS MIGHT HAVE IN THE FUTURE.

WHEN IT IS CONSIDERED THAT ALMOST EVERYTHING MANUFACTURED IN INDUSTRY IS OR CAN BE MADE BY LARGE-SCALE PRODUCTION METHODS, AS WITNESS SOAP, BUTTONS OR PINS, NOT TO MENTION AUTOMOBILES, IT SEEMS BUT LOGICAL THAT THE MOST PRACTICAL METHODS OF MANUFACTURE, BE THEY IN SMALL SHOPS SPREAD OUT OVER MANY COMMUNITIES OR IN ONE OR TWO GIANT PLANTS, WILL BE USED. THE TREND UNMISTAKABLY HAS BEEN TOWARD CENTRALIZATION, BUT A REVERSAL OF THIS TREND NOW IS A DISTINCT POSSIBILITY.

NEEDLESS TO SAY, MESSRS. FORD AND SLOAN IN HAVING ARRIVED AT QUITE SIMILAR CONVICTIONS AS TO THE IDEAL IN MANUFACTURING, WERE CONCERNED WITH WHAT WOULD BE THE BEST FOR ALL PARTIES IN MANUFACTURE, AS WELL AS THE CONSUMER. ONLY THAT SYSTEM WHICH WOULD MAKE FOR GREATER STABILITY, FOR GREATER HUMAN VALUES FOR LABOR AND FOR LOW COST OF MANUFACTURE WOULD SEEM TO BE ACCEPTABLE. PROFITS WOULD BE A COROLLARY OF SUCH ATTAINMENT, AND PROBABLY UNLIKELY WITHOUT IT.

## SMALL COMMUNITIES FAVORED

IT IS INTERESTING TO NOTE THAT THESE TWO MEN BOTH REFER TO THE NEED TO TAKE INDUSTRY BACK TO THE COUNTRY, TO THE "SOIL" WHERE MAN FINDS HIMSELF MOST SECURE FROM THE VICISSITUDES OF INDUSTRIAL CYCLES WHICH PERIODICALLY CRIPPLE INDUSTRY AND THROW LARGE NUMBERS OF MEN OUT OF EMPLOYMENT. "THE FARM AND THE FACTORY ARE NATURAL ALLIES," MR. FORD HAS SAID. "ONE IS INCOMPLETE WITHOUT THE OTHER. THEY NEVER SHOULD BE SEPARATED, FOR EACH HAS THE POWER TO HEAL THE OTHER OF ANY ECONOMIC ILLS THAT MAY BEFALL."

"I PERSONALLY BELIEVE THAT DECENTRALIZATION IS A GOOD POLICY FOR INDUSTRY TO FOLLOW," MR. SLOAN SAID RECENTLY, "RATHER THAN TO FOLLOW THE POLICY OF A HIGHLY CENTRALIZED INTEGRATED UNIT, WHICH CARRIES PEOPLE THAT MUCH FARTHER FROM THE SOIL. AFTER ALL, THE SOIL IS A PRETTY GOOD THING IN MANY WAYS TO STICK TO. WE CAN LEARN A LOT FROM IT."

MR. FORD HAS CARRIED HIS DECENTRALIZATION THEORIES TO THE SMALLER COMMUNITIES AND HAMLETS; WHILE GENERAL MOTORS EXPANSION IN THE PAST YEAR HAS BEEN TO SUCH CITIES AS GRAND RAPIDS AND SAGINAW, MICHIGAN, CITIES OF 170,000 AND 80,000, RESPECTIVELY. LITTLE FORD FACTORIES ARE IN SUCH CROSS-ROADS COMMUNITIES AS WATERFORD, NEWBURG, PLYMOUTH AND NORTHVILLE, MICH., NONE HAVING MORE THAN A FEW HUNDRED POPULATION.

THE FORD "FACTORIES IN A MEADOW" ARE LOCATED WHERE ALL WORKERS CAN HAVE PLOTS OF LAND FOR TRUCK FARMING, WHILE MOST OF THE GENERAL MOTORS EXPANSION PROJECTS RECENTLY ARE IN THE SUBURBS OF SUCH CITIES AS GRAND RAPIDS WHERE WORKERS CAN LIVE ON FARMS OR IN THE CITY, DEPENDING ON THEIR PREFERENCE AND INCOME.

ADVANTAGES OF BEING CLOSE TO SOIL

PRINCIPAL ADVANTAGES TO WORKERS IN THE BREAKING UP OF CONCENTRATED MANUFACTURE AND RE-LOCATION IN SMALL COMMUNITIES IS IN THE SECURITY POSSIBLE BY LIVING ON THE LAND WHERE MOST OF LIFE'S NECESSITIES CAN BE RAISED, AND WORKING IN THE FACTORY FOR NECESSARY CASH INCOME. FACTORY WORKERS CAN TURN TO ON THEIR GARDENS DURING THEIR OFF-TIME, AND AT LEAST BE IN LARGE PART SELF-SUSTAINING DURING PLANT SHUT-DOWNS.

ARGUMENTS FOR SUCH METHODS ARE THAT WORKERS IN CLOSE PROXIMITY TO THE SOIL ARE APT TO BE MORE CONTENTED AT THEIR WORK, RATHER THAN IN CRAMPED AND NONE TOO PLEASANT LIVING QUARTERS IN CONGESTED CITY AREAS WHERE LIVING COSTS ARE HIGHER AND WHERE PLANT SHUT-DOWNS FIND MANY WORKERS WITHOUT ANY RAINY DAY SAVINGS TO TIDE THEM OVER. THE PRIDE OF OWNERSHIP AND SENSE OF SECURITY IN RURAL COMMUNITIES, WHILE INTANGIBLE ASSETS ARE, NEVERTHELESS, ADVANTAGES WHICH TEND TO GIVE MEN A BETTER SPIRIT AND MAKE FOR BETTER WORKMANSHIP.

WORKERS EMPLOYED IN RURAL DISTRICTS, PAID APPROXIMATELY THE SAME WAGES AS IN INDUSTRIAL PLANTS IN THE LARGER CITIES, ARE ABLE TO MAINTAIN A HIGHER STANDARD OF LIVING THAN LARGE CITY WORKERS, INASMUCH AS A SMALLER SEGMENT OF THEIR WEEKLY PAY ROLLS IS ABSORBED BY RENT AND FOOD ITEMS. THUS, THEY BECOME CONSUMERS OF THOSE THINGS WHICH FORMERLY ONLY THE WELL-TO-DO COULD COMMAND.

ALONG WITH DECENTRALIZATION OF MANUFACTURE GOES A SIMILAR DIVISION OF MANAGEMENT, AND IN THIS MATTER FORD AND GENERAL MOTORS REPORT A HIGHLY SATISFACTORY EXPERIENCE. MR. FORD, IN A RECENT INTERVIEW WITH THE WALL STREET JOURNAL, COMMENTED UPON THE ENTHUSIASM AND CARE SUPERINTENDENTS OF HIS SMALL FACTORIES GIVE TO THE MANAGEMENT OF THEIR PLANTS. PLACED TO A CONSIDERABLE DEGREE "ON THEIR OWN," THESE MANAGERS HAVE A HIGH SENSE OF RESPONSIBILITY OF THEIR WORK, WITH THE RESULT THAT THEY OBTAIN A HIGHLY SATISFACTORY PRODUCTION RECORD.

G. M. OPERATIONS WELL SPREAD NOW

THE MANUFACTURING OPERATIONS OF GENERAL MOTORS HAVE BEEN WELL SPREAD OUT AS REGARDS LOCATION OF PLANTS SINCE THE CORPORATION'S BEGINNING, INASMUCH AS THE AUTOMOBILE MANUFACTURING PLANTS, OR PARTS COMPANIES ACQUIRED AT TIME OF INCORPORATION, OR SUBSEQUENT THERETO, WERE WELL SPREAD OVER MICHIGAN, WITH A FEW PARTS PLANTS IN OTHER STATES. DEVELOPMENT OF THESE PROPERTIES HAS MADE FOR LARGE EXPANSION WHICH WAS, HOWEVER, USUALLY AN ENLARGEMENT OF PRODUCTION FACILITIES WITHOUT ANY FURTHER SPREADING OUT OF MANUFACTURE. WHEREVER POSSIBLE IN THE FUTURE, ACCORDING TO MR. SLOAN, EXPANSION WILL MEAN THE LOCATION OF NEW PLANTS IN OTHER COMMUNITIES.

IN THIS PONTIAC ADDRESS, MR. SLOAN SAID: "IN OUR EXPANSION PROGRAM WE HAVE HAD THE IDEA AND THE PURPOSE OF SPREADING OUT IN A DECENTRALIZING WAY THE OPERATIONS OF THE CORPORATION AS MUCH AS WE CAN. WE FIRMLY BELIEVE THAT IT IS BETTER FOR US, AND IT IS BETTER FOR THE COUNTRY, IF INDUSTRY WOULD DECENTRALIZE SO FAR AS THAT IS PRACTICALLY POSSIBLE, AND UP TO THE POINT WHERE IT DOES NOT INCREASE THE COST OF GOODS AND SERVICING. WE BELIEVE IN THAT WAY THE PRODUCTIVITY OF INDUSTRY IN THE SHAPE OF THE PAY ROLLS AND OTHER THINGS IS SPREAD AROUND MORE GENERALLY. ALSO, WHEN THE TIME COMES FOR EXPANSION THE EXPANSION CAN BE MORE HEALTHILY PROVIDED FOR IF IT IS DIVIDED AMONG A GREATER NUMBER OF COMMUNITIES. CONVERSELY, WHEN SUCH A THING HAPPENS, AS IT WILL ALWAYS HAPPEN, AS LONG AS WE HAVE TO DEAL WITH THE BUSINESS CYCLE, THAT INDUSTRY FALLS OFF, THE BURDEN OF CARRYING ON UNDER THOSE CONDITIONS CAN ALSO BE TAKEN CARE OF BETTER BY DIVIDING THAT BURDEN AMONG A GREATER NUMBER."

FORD STARTED DECENTRALIZATION YEARS AGO

MR. FORD BEGAN HIS "LITTLE INDUSTRIES" ABOUT 17 YEARS AGO, BY REHABILITATING AN OLD MILL AT NORTHVILLE FOR THE PRODUCTION OF VALVES. INTO THIS MADE-OVER FACTORY, MR. FORD HAD MOVED MUCH OF HIS VALVE PRODUCTION MACHINERY FROM THE HIGHLAND PARK PLANT AT DETROIT, WHERE FORD'S PRINCIPAL OPERATIONS WERE CENTERED BEFORE BEING TRANSFERRED TO THE RIVER ROUGE, NEAR DEARBORN. QUITE A NUMBER OF MEN WERE TRANSFERRED FROM THE HIGHLAND PARK PLANT TO WORK AT NORTHVILLE, AND LATER ADDITIONS WERE MADE FROM WORKERS LIVING NEAR NORTHVILLE. NOW 300 MEN ARE EMPLOYED AT THIS PLANT, ALTERNATING FACTORY WORK AND FARMING. A LARGER VALVE PLANT IS NEARING COMPLETION ADJACENT TO THE OLD MILL, AND SOON PRACTICALLY ALL OF FORD'S VALVE REQUIREMENTS WILL BE FILLED HERE.

AT WATERFORD, A FEW MILES DOWN THE RIVER ROUGE FROM NORTHVILLE, A FORD PLANT MAKES MEASURING INSTRUMENTS, GAUGES AND PRECISION TOOLS USED IN VARIOUS FORD PLANTS. A GENERATOR CONNECTED TO A TURBINE DRIVEN BY A 21-FOOT HEAD OF WATER PROVIDES POWER. SIXTY-TWO WORKERS ARE

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Mr. W. A. Whitsett,
Metropolitan Water District,
306 West 3rd Street,
Los Angeles, California.

Dear Mr. Whitsett:

In answer to your letter relative to the decentralization of manufacturing as advocated by A. P. Sloan and Henry Ford.

I think the general theory of having the manufacturing plant in the locality or community where it gives an opportunity for the employee to have room to raise small truck garden, etc., is very good.

It is large firms, such as the ones mentioned, that have given it a great deal of thought and it certainly behooves those of us who are not in a position to analyze it, to give full consideration to the development. For an employee to be housed in a very congested area is certainly bad from every standpoint.

I wish to thank you for your kindness and thoughtfulness in giving me this to read.

Very truly yours,

WAS:FL

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April 17th 1936.

Mr. W.P.Whitsett,
306 West Third Street,
Los Angeles,

Dear Mr. Whitsett:

I am in receipt of the reprint you mailed me relative the decentralization of manufacturing. Thanks.

This is an excellent article and perfectly sound, in my opinion. It should form the basis of propaganda used by the Chamber of Commerce in locating industry in Southern California. The field is fertile.

Thanking you for your thoughtfullness in sending it to me and with every best wish, I am,

Sincerely,

George L. Schmutz

April 23, 1936

Mr. W. H. Pierce, President,
Pierce Brothers,
720 West Washington Street,
Los Angeles, California.

Dear Mr. Pierce:

I very much appreciate your comments with regard to the article from the Wall Street Journal. Your observations with regard to the aversion which a large number have to anything but the minimum amount of labor is absolutely correct in accordance with my own experience.

However, I have found during the past ten years that there is an increasing number of people, particularly in middle-age, who have begun to realize that the advance in labor-saving machinery has left them with a rather insecure outlook from the standpoint of continued labor. The fact that a small plot of land can be made to greatly reduce their living costs and provide them with a large part of the necessaries of life has wakened in them a desire to own a little plot of land within commuting distance of their places of employment.

They look forward to the time when, at the end of their usefulness in industry, they can retire to their garden home which will provide most of their food requirements, the actual cash needed from day to day being provided out of their accumulated savings.

This is the basic fact which underlies the present extensive development of the San Fernando Valley. However, we always will have many of the type you mention who will leave their suburban homes as soon as economic conditions assure them of reasonably steady employment. In the long run this proves beneficial because it represents a weeding-out process, the properties falling into the hands of the higher type of

individuals who have the energy and foresight to carry through a sound personal program.

I recently ran across a significant statement in a study of migration and planes of living to the effect that during the current depression only agriculture provided any considerable amount of communities in which the relief load could be described as negligible. I visualize the time when we will have decentralized industry located in suburban areas surrounded by the garden home type of development. With such a readjustment on a national scale, we will have a much more sound and stable economic order such as was visualized by Thomas Jefferson over a century ago.

Yours sincerely,

W. P. Whitsett

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MR. W. P. WHITSETT, CHAIRMAN
THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT
306 WEST THIRD STREET
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

MY DEAR MR. WHITSETT:

YOUR LETTER OF APRIL 8, ENCLOSING EXCERPTS FROM THE PACIFIC COAST EDITION OF THE WALL STREET JOURNAL, RECEIVED. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

WHILE I HAVE GIVEN A GREAT DEAL OF THOUGHT TO THE SUBJECT DISCUSSED IN THE ARTICLE, AND HAVE HAD A LOT OF EXPERIENCE IN SEVERAL FIELDS THAT SHOULD QUALIFY ME TO EXPRESS AN OPINION ON THE SUBJECT, YET I AM FREE TO SAY MY IDEAS RIGHT NOW ARE CONSIDERABLY MIXED.

TAKE IT IN MY CASE, I OPERATED A LIVERY STABLE MANY YEARS AGO, AND IN CONNECTION WITH IT CARRIED ON RANCHING ACTIVITIES RIGHT HERE IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA. I FOUND IT VERY HARD, AND IT IS GETTING HARDER AND HARDER, TO INTEREST PEOPLE IN ANY SORT OF FARMING OR GARDENING IF THEY GET THEIR LIVING FROM SOME OTHER OCCUPATION. I TRIED IT OUT IN TWO OR THREE CASES WHERE SPLENDID OPPORTUNITIES WERE OFFERED FOR CITY BRED YOUNG MEN TO GET BACK TO THE SOIL. HOWEVER, WITHOUT A SINGLE EXCEPTION, JUST AS SOON AS THE PARTICULAR TRADE OR OCCUPATION THEY HAD BEEN TRAINED IN BECAME ACTIVE AGAIN THEY UNCEREMONIOUSLY LEFT THE FARM. PEOPLE SEEM TO HAVE A DEEP-SEATED, ALMOST FUNDAMENTAL, AVERSION TO GETTING OUT AND DIGGING EVEN IN THEIR OWN BACK YARDS. I HOPE, HOWEVER, THAT IS GRADUALLY BEING CHANGED, AND WITH WHAT THESE GREAT CORPORATIONS ARE DOING, AND WHAT THE GOVERNMENT ALSO IS DOING TO ESTABLISH LITTLE PLOTS TO PARTLY MAINTAIN FAMILIES, THINGS MAY GRADUALLY BECOME BETTER.

IN SPITE OF THE FACT THAT THE PRESENT ADMINISTRATION IS BEING SERIOUSLY CRITICIZED FOR "GETTING INTO BUSINESS", IT IS MY OPINION THAT THERE WILL HAVE TO BE SOME CONSTRUCTIVE LEGISLATION WHICH WILL MAKE POSITIONS (JOBS) MORE SECURE, IF ANY GREAT PROGRESS IS TO BE MADE IN DECENTRALIZING INDUSTRY.

IT IS SO EASY FOR A SUPERINTENDENT OR FOREMAN TO DISCHARGE A MAN, AND WHERE HE HAS MOVED INTO A SMALL COMMUNITY AND PERHAPS STARTED PAYMENTS ON A HOME, IT PLACES HIM IN A VERY UNFORTUNATE POSITION; WHEREAS IF HE IS LIVING IN A LARGE COMMUNITY AND IS DISCHARGED FROM ONE FACTORY OR FIELD OF WORK, EMPLOYMENT MIGHT BE AVAILABLE IN ANOTHER.

THE UNITED STATES IS VERY MUCH BEHIND ON LABOR LEGISLATION. THUS SOME THOUGHT SHOULD BE GIVEN TO STABILIZING A MAN'S JOB SO NO ERRATIC FOREMAN, AS ABOVE STATED, COULD DISCHARGE HIM--CERTAINLY NOT WITHOUT A HEARING. IN OTHER WORDS, IN PLANTS WHERE A LARGE NUMBER OF PEOPLE ARE EMPLOYED, THE CIVIL SERVICE RULES SHOULD BE APPLIED.

THEN I THINK THERE WILL HAVE TO BE A BETTER UNDERSTANDING AND A BETTER CORRELATION BETWEEN OPEN AND CLOSED SHOP. AS THINGS ARE AT PRESENT, THE LABOR UNION AGENTS (WALKING DELEGATES) ARE RARELY CHOSEN FOR THEIR QUALIFICATIONS, BUT RATHER FROM THE FACT THAT THEY HAVE LOUD VOICES AND SMALL BRAINS. THAT WAS EXEMPLIFIED IN SAN FRANCISCO TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO WHEN MCCARTY WAS ALMOST A LABOR BOSS.

THE ABOVE ARE JUST RAMBLING THOUGHTS, FOR FUNDAMENTALLY I AM IN FAVOR OF DECENTRALIZATION; YET IT MUST BE MADE PRACTICABLE RATHER THAN JUST HAVING THE O. K. OF SOMEONE WHO IS A WELL-WISHER BUT VISIONARY.

SINCERELY YOURS,

W. H. PIERCE

WHP:MH

April 24, 1936

Mr. Franklin W. Collins,
San Marino Tribune,
2655 Mission Road,
San Marino, California.

Dear Mr. Collins:

Thank you very much for sending me the copies of the San Marino Tribune, one of which published in a prominent place my letter presenting my observations made on a recent trip through the East; and the other containing your excellent editorial with reference to the economic views of Henry Ford.

I want to compliment you on the obviously excellent newspaper which you are publishing. It was quite a surprise to me to observe the manner in which it has grown, both in size and volume of contents since the previous occasion upon which it was brought to my attention.

Sincere regards,

W. P. Whitsett

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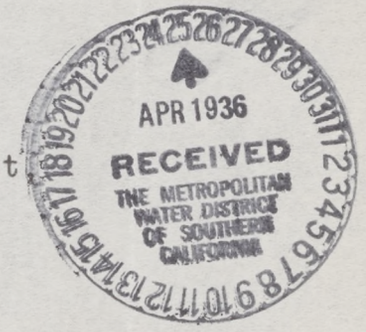


Mr. W. P. Whitsett,
Chairman, Metropolitan Water District,
306 West Third Street,
Los Angeles, California.

Dear Mr. Whitsett:

I received in due course your letter of April 8, 1936, and have read with much interest the enclosure which you sent with it and I have also discussed it with others whose opinion I value. I, and those with whom I have discussed it, believe that the centralization of industry is one of the most important and salutary economic developments that has occurred in this country for many years.

Appreciating your having called this to my attention, I am,

Yours sincerely,

Eugene Overton

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Dear Mr. Whitsett:

Thank you for your kind letters--They are most encouraging.

I have taken the liberty of commenting further on "Back to the Soil", and enclose editorial page covering same, with your opportune observations.

I get a great kick from exercising the privilege of voicing my candid convictions ~~xxxxxxx~~ from time to time.

Wishing you continued success and expanding influence, I am,

Sincerely and cordially yours,

F. W. Collins

Mr. W. P. Whitsett,
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Mr. W. P. Whitsett
Chairman, Metropolitan Water District
of Southern California
306 West Third Street
Los Angeles, California.

Dear Mr. Whitsett:

I duly received your favor of April 8th enclosing reprint of article taken from the Pacific Coast edition of the Wall Street Journal which I have read with great interest.

Thanking you, and with kind regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Byron Hanna

BCH/w

April 29, 1936

Mr. M. A. Koffman,
Southwestern Portland Cement Company,
727 West Seventh Street,
Los Angeles, California.

Dear Mr. Koffman:

Thank you very much for your letter of April 21, commenting with regard to my letter with enclosure quoting Henry Ford and Alfred Sloan, concerning decentralization of industry.

I agree with you entirely as to the necessity for fostering such a movement in the interest of a more rational and stable economy. The movement will undoubtedly continue to grow because of its fundamental soundness; however, as you point out, much could be accomplished by constructive educational programs.

In so far as Southern California is concerned, I am convinced that our natural advantages will cause this area to be the leading example of the development.

Sincere regards,

W. P. Whitsett

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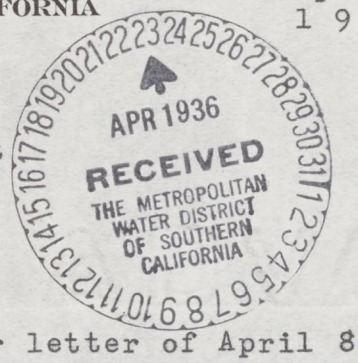


Personal

W. P. Whitsett, Chairman
The Metropolitan Water District
306 West 3rd Street
Los Angeles, California

Dear Mr. Whitsett:

Acknowledge your letter of April 8, together with article which you had mimeographed and which appeared in the Pacific Coast Edition of The Wall Street Journal.

You know, it is a fine thing to realize that men like you are taking such a splendid interest in the problems of today, and I wish to say this - that I believe with you, as I believe with Mr. Sloan and Mr. Ford - that the big problem is getting people back to the soil. I feel that during the World War when millions enlisted or were drafted, and when millions of others were called to the cities to work in the munitions factories or in manufacturing centers where food, clothing, aeroplanes and means of transportation had to be provided - where foodstuffs had to be stored, canned, packed and distributed - that it drew many, many thousands from the farm and agricultural districts. After the War, they did not return, and in my humble judgment, if it can be worked out, return to the soil and to the farm will solve by and large the problem of the unemployment which numbers so many thousands in our own County and State today. The complexities attendant upon this movement are threefold:

1st - The implantation of the urge for these unemployables to return to the farm;

2nd - Making it possible that if the farms are worked properly, that the products from them through some means may be sold in a way which will reflect an earning rather than a loss which I understand is the case in so many of the farms in the San Fernando and San Gabriel Valleys.

3rd - The mans by which the movement may be financed.

In addition to the aforegoing, it is my further opinion that nationwide education should be begun to teach people to save in a logical and sane manner.

You will pardon me if I have seemed to ramble a bit, but I was so interested in the subject of your communication that I have written at longer length than I at first intended.

Assuring you of my appreciation of your kindness in bringing this to my attention and with my continued good wishes, I am,

Cordially yours,

M. A. Hoffman

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MR. W. P. WHITSETT
METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

MY DEAR MR. WHITSETT:

THANK YOU FORYOUR LETTER OF APRIL 23. WHAT YOU SAY IN YOUR SECOND PARAGRAPH IS ONLY TOO TRUE. HOWEVER THE FIELD OF "BACK TO THE LAND" NEEDS A LOT OF EXPLORING. IN THE FIRST PLACE, MOST OF THESE PEOPLE HAVE TO BE TAUGHT EVEN THE RUDIMENTS OF GARDENING, ET CETERA. THEN IT COMES, PROVIDED THAT THEY HAVE TO GO IN DEBT, TO THE KIND OF LAND TENURE WHICH SHOULD BE APPROVED, FOR THE SPECULATORS ARE STILL WITH US AND NOTHING WOULD PLEASE A LOT OF THEM ANY BETTER THAN TO LAUNCH PROJECTS UNDER THE CATCH-WORD OF BACK-TO-THE-LAND, AND THEN LEAVE A LOT OF PEOPLE STRANDED.

I HAVE ALSO THOUGHT A LOT ABOUT DECENTRALIZATION OF INDUSTRY DISCUSSED IN OUR FORMER CORRESPONDENCE. IT IS MY OPINION THAT A GROUP OF DISINTERESTED MEN WITH A GOODLY EXPERIENCE BACK OF THEM SHOULD GET TOGETHER AND DISCUSS THE PROBLEMS INCIDENTAL TO DECENTRALIZATION OF INDUSTRY AND BACK TO THE LAND FOR UNEMPLOYED FACTORY WORKERS. IN ANY CONFERENCE OF THAT KIND THE DISCUSSION OF LAND TENURE SHOULD RECEIVE CONSIDERABLE ATTENTION. FOR INSTANCE, I NOTICE IN A RECENT NEWS ITEM THAT A SUB-DIVISION IN THE SUBURBS OF PHOENIX, I THINK PUT ON BY THE GOVERNMENT, IS SETTING UP A NEW LAND TENURE, ALL OF THE TITLES BEING PASSED TO AN INCORPORATED GROUP OF THE SETTLERS, AND BEING HELD BY THEM UNTIL CERTAIN CONDITIONS ARE FULFILLED.

I AM ENCLOSING AN EXCERPT FROM A PLAN THAT WAS SET UP IN SARAWAK (NORTHERN BORNEO) BY WHAT WAS KNOWN AS THE TWO WHITE RAJAHS. THIS WAS CALLED TO MY ATTENTION QUITE A NUMBER OF YEARS AGO BY MY LATE BROTHER, DR. EDWARD T. PIERCE, AT THAT TIME PRINCIPAL OF THE NORMAL SCHOOL. I BELIEVE IT CONTAINS A LOT OF MERIT WHEN IN A COUNTRY


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THAT IS SPARSELY SETTLED OR WHERE THE SLATE IS TOLERABLY CLEAN, WHERE THINGS CAN BE DONE THAT CANNOT BE DONE AFTER THE LAND HAS BEEN DIVIDED UP AND THE OWNERSHIP PASSES TO A GREAT NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS.

SINCERELY YOURS,

W. H. PIERCE

WHP:MH
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EXCERPT FROM

HISTORY OF SARAWAK (PART OF NORTHERN BORNEO)
UNDER ITS TWO WHITE RAJAHS

"THE LAND REGULATIONS ARE LIBERAL AND FAIR. BONA FIDE PLANTERS RECEIVE EVERY ENCOURAGEMENT, THOUGH NONE IS HELD OUT TO SPECULATORS IN LAND. THE INDISCRIMINATE ALIENATION OF LARGE TRACTS OF LAND FOR UNLIMITED PERIODS AND FOR INDEFINITE PURPOSES IS AN UNSOUND POLICY, WHICH DOES NOT FIND FAVOUR IN SARAWAK. IT LEADS TO LAND BEING LOCKED UP, SOMETIMES FOR A LONG PERIOD, AND TO PLACING ULTIMATELY IN THE HANDS OF A FOREIGN SPECULATOR PROFITS WHICH THE STATE SHOULD REAP, AND TO THE NATIVES IT CAUSES MANY HARDSHIPS. IN 1890, SUCH A CONCESSION WAS GRANTED TO A COMPANY BY THE DUTCH GOVERNMENT IN THE PROVINCE OF SAMBAS, QUITE INDEPENDENTLY OF ANY CONSIDERATION FOR EXISTING AND LONG-ESTABLISHED RIGHTS OF THE NATIVES, THE REAL OWNERS OF THE SOIL. THIS ACT DROVE MANY FAMILIES OVER THE BORDERS INTO SARAWAK, WHEN RUDELY AWAKENED TO THE FACT THAT EXCEPT BY THE PERMISSION OF THE EMPLOYEES OF A COMPANY, ONLY TO BE OBTAINED BY PAYMENT, THEY COULD NOT FARM, NEITHER COULD THEY FISH OR HUNT, NOR COULD THEY OBTAIN THE MANY NECESSITIES OF LIFE WITH WHICH THE JUNGLE SUPPLIES THEM.

"LAND IS USUALLY GRANTED AT A SMALL RENTAL IN LARGE OR SMALL AREAS, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CAPITAL AND THE OBJECTS OF THE GRANTEE. THE PROPORTION OF THE LAND WHICH IS TO BE BROUGHT UNDER CULTIVATION IN SUCCESSIVE YEARS IS AGREED UPON. ANY PORTION OF THE LAND THAT THE GRANTEE MAY HAVE FAILED TO BRING UNDER CULTIVATION WITHIN THE STIPULATED TIME, OR, HAVING CULTIVATED, HAS ABANDONED IT, REVERTS TO THE STATE; THOUGH IN THE FORMER CASE CIRCUMSTANCES OCCASIONALLY ARISE WHICH JUSTIFY SOME LATITUDE TO THE PLANTER. BUT ALL LAND BROUGHT UNDER CULTIVATION BECOMES THE ABSOLUTE PROPERTY OF A PLANTER OR HIS ASSIGNS, AND REMAINS SO, AS LONG AS IT IS MAINTAINED UNDER CULTIVATION. ABANDONMENT OF A PLANTATION IS ABANDONMENT OF THE LAND, AND IT THEN REVERTS TO THE STATE; AND THE STATE THUS REMAINS THE REAL OWNER OF THE LAND, THOUGH NOT OF THE PLANTATION ON IT. THIS SYSTEM IS OBVIOUSLY OF ADVANTAGE TO THE PLANTER. HE OBTAINS HIS LAND, WHICH HE MAY SELECT WHERE HE CHOOSES, FOR NEXT TO NOTHING, AND HE RUNS NO RISK OF LOSING CAPITAL SUNK IN THE PURCHASE OF WHAT MIGHT PROVE TO BE AN UNPROFITABLE PROPERTY, AND THEREFORE ONE THAT IS UNSALEABLE. AND IT SECURES TO THE STATE A SUFFICIENT GUARANTEE THAT THE LAND WILL BE CULTIVATED AND KEPT UNDER PROPER CULTIVATION. PRACTICALLY THE WHOLE OF THE CHINESE PEPPER AND GAMBIR PLANTERS HOLD THEIR LAND UNDER THESE TERMS, AND THEY ARE AS SECURE IN THE POSSESSION OF THEIR GARDENS, AND THE RIGHT TO ALIENATE THEM, AS IF THEY HAD BOUGHT THE LAND. LAND IS SOLD ONLY FOR SPECIAL PURPOSES, SUCH AS FOR BUILDINGS AND GARDENS IN A TOWN OR ITS SUBURBS."

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UNDER ITS TWO WHITE RAJAHS

"THE LAND REGULATIONS ARE LIBERAL AND FAIR. BONA FIDE PLANTERS RECEIVE EVERY ENCOURAGEMENT, THOUGH NONE IS HELD OUT TO SPECULATORS IN LAND. THE INDISCRIMINATE ALIENATION OF LARGE TRACTS OF LAND FOR UNLIMITED PERIODS AND FOR INDEFINITE PURPOSES IS AN UNSOUND POLICY, WHICH DOES NOT FIND FAVOUR IN SARAWAK. IT LEADS TO LAND BEING LOCKED UP, SOMETIMES FOR A LONG PERIOD, AND TO PLACING ULTIMATELY IN THE HANDS OF A FOREIGN SPECULATOR PROFITS WHICH THE STATE SHOULD REAP, AND TO THE NATIVES IT CAUSES MANY HARDSHIPS. IN 1890, SUCH A CONCESSION WAS GRANTED TO A COMPANY BY THE DUTCH GOVERNMENT IN THE PROVINCE OF SAMBAS, QUITE INDEPENDENTLY OF ANY CONSIDERATION FOR EXISTING AND LONG-ESTABLISHED RIGHTS OF THE NATIVES, THE REAL OWNERS OF THE SOIL. THIS ACT DROVE MANY FAMILIES OVER THE BORDERS INTO SARAWAK, WHEN RUDELY AWAKENED TO THE FACT THAT EXCEPT BY THE PERMISSION OF THE EMPLOYEES OF A COMPANY, ONLY TO BE OBTAINED BY PAYMENT, THEY COULD NOT FARM, NEITHER COULD THEY FISH OR HUNT, NOR COULD THEY OBTAIN THE MANY NECESSITIES OF LIFE WITH WHICH THE JUNGLE SUPPLIES THEM.

"LAND IS USUALLY GRANTED AT A SMALL RENTAL IN LARGE OR SMALL AREAS, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CAPITAL AND THE OBJECTS OF THE GRANTEE. THE PROPORTION OF THE LAND WHICH IS TO BE BROUGHT UNDER CULTIVATION IN SUCCESSIVE YEARS IS AGREED UPON. ANY PORTION OF THE LAND THAT THE GRANTEE MAY HAVE FAILED TO BRING UNDER CULTIVATION WITHIN THE STIPULATED TIME, OR, HAVING CULTIVATED, HAS ABANDONED IT, REVERTS TO THE STATE; THOUGH IN THE FORMER CASE CIRCUMSTANCES OCCASIONALLY ARISE WHICH JUSTIFY SOME LATITUDE TO THE PLANTER. BUT ALL LAND BROUGHT UNDER CULTIVATION BECOMES THE ABSOLUTE PROPERTY OF A PLANTER OR HIS ASSIGNS, AND REMAINS SO, AS LONG AS IT IS MAINTAINED UNDER CULTIVATION. ABANDONMENT OF A PLANTATION IS ABANDONMENT OF THE LAND, AND IT THEN REVERTS TO THE STATE; AND THE STATE THUS REMAINS THE REAL OWNER OF THE LAND, THOUGH NOT OF THE PLANTATION ON IT. THIS SYSTEM IS OBVIOUSLY OF ADVANTAGE TO THE PLANTER. HE OBTAINS HIS LAND, WHICH HE MAY SELECT WHERE HE CHOOSES, FOR NEXT TO NOTHING, AND HE RUNS NO RISK OF LOSING CAPITAL SUNK IN THE PURCHASE OF WHAT MIGHT PROVE TO BE AN UNPROFITABLE PROPERTY, AND THEREFORE ONE THAT IS UNSALEABLE. AND IT SECURES TO THE STATE A SUFFICIENT GUARANTEE THAT THE LAND WILL BE CULTIVATED AND KEPT UNDER PROPER CULTIVATION. PRACTICALLY THE WHOLE OF THE CHINESE PEPPER AND GAMBIR PLANTERS HOLD THEIR LAND UNDER THESE TERMS, AND THEY ARE AS SECURE IN THE POSSESSION OF THEIR GARDENS, AND THE RIGHT TO ALIENATE THEM, AS IF THEY HAD BOUGHT THE LAND. LAND IS SOLD ONLY FOR SPECIAL PURPOSES, SUCH AS FOR BUILDINGS AND GARDENS IN A TOWN OR ITS SUBURBS."

May 13, 1936

Dr. George P. Clements,
Manager Agricultural Department,
Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce,
Los Angeles, California.

Dear Dr. Clements:

I very much appreciate your letter discussing the advantages to the nation of a decentralization of industry. I think we shall both live to see a more uniform economic pattern throughout the country than exists today.

When next we meet I hope to have the opportunity of hearing your views on the problem, particularly with relation to Southern California. Undoubtedly within the next year with the advent of Boulder Dam power and the assured water supply of the Colorado River Aqueduct, we will have more to offer industry and potential residents of Southern California than ever before.

Sincere regards,

W. P. Whitsett

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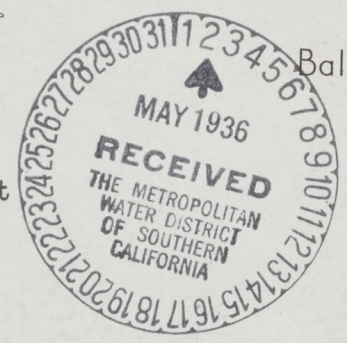
April 30, 1936




Mr. W. P. Whitsett
Chairman, The Metropolitan Water District
306 West Third Street
Los Angeles, California

My dear Mr. Whitsett:

Your letter under date of April 8th has been referred to my Department for reply.

Some fifteen years ago, Mr. A.G.Arnoll, Secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, adopted a slogan for Southern California which to my idea was very wise and very far sighted - Decentralization of Industry. You and I have discussed this matter so often that I believe you are fully conversant with my hearty concurrence in the program. France offered us a preforma, but in building our industries we followed Great Britain. The result was, that while we were developing an empire our industries were all placed on seaboard. Apparently we are only now waking up to what it has cost. Virtually every major product in the United States is being handled to disadvantage due this cause.

Your, yourself, made a heroic effort in preparation for this belated preachment. I hope that we will both live to see our industries scattered throughout our rural districts where they can be of such inestimable value in stabilizing both labor and production, increase the general health of the nation, and to a great extent do away with these dreaded depression periods. I beg to reaffirm my earlier statement that I am solidly behind this program.

Yours very sincerely,

Geo. P. Clements, M.D.
Manager Agricultural Department

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May 23, 1936

Mr. Frank Simpson,
Hotel Savoy,
Sixth Street and Grand Avenue,
Los Angeles, California.

Dear Mr. Simpson:

Thank you very much for your letter commenting so trenchantly with regard to my recent correspondence on the subject of industrial decentralization.

You state an essential fact when you point out the higher type of citizen which results from home ownership and the healthful cultivation of the soil for home consumption.

I regret very much to have missed you the other day when you dropped into the office and hope that we may have an opportunity in the near future to discuss this and other questions in which we are mutually interested.

Yours very truly,

W. P. Whitsett

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May 16th, 1936.

Mr. W. P. Whitsett, Chairman,
The Metropolitan Water District,
306 West Third Street,
Los Angeles, California.

Dear Sir:

Yours of April 8th duly received.

Undoubtedly these big men at the head of organizations that employ large numbers of men are giving this matter of decentralization much serious consideration. Naturally, the best way to carry out the theory "back to the soil" as connected with regular employment along major lines would mean the acquisition, improvement and building up of tracts of land of considerable size. I presume that the man who can put in some spare time with a spade and hoe is less inclined to stand around and listen to harangues from soap box orators in the city parks and other advantageous localities. Of course, all the factors that go into an industrial and manufacturing problem are carefully weighed by the big men who are responsible for results, financial and otherwise.

I fully believe that under present conditions there must be quite a reversal of form as compared to conditions which have hitherto existed. The problem is a big one and has to do with so many elements that one could discuss it for hours and not get very far beneath the surface at that. We old fellows who are about being laid on the shelf have got to wake up to a new regime and to the fact that the conditions hitherto existing have been so materially altered that new and changed policies will have to be planned and carried out.

With regards, I am

Very truly yours,

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Frank Simpson

I dont class you among the "old fellows" — so dont bristle up — am confining this to the over "70's" —

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August 8, 1936

Mr. W. P. Whitsett,
c/o Mr. Ned Hedderly,
Gull Lake, California.

Dear Mr. Whitsett:

Enclosed for your signature is a draft of the letter the Board requested you to prepare, in answer to Mr. Ritchie's inquiry concerning the availability of the construction water system in the Big Morongo area.

Also enclosed for your signature is the draft of letter which the Board approved for sending to Major Wyman.

The first letter will be submitted to the Board at its meeting next Friday for approval, and the second will be mailed upon its being returned.

I hope you have a good time and catch some big fish.

Yours very truly,

A. L. Gram

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July 5, 1939

Mr. P. G. Winnett
President, Bullock's
7th at Broadway
Los Angeles, California

Dear Mr. Winnett:

At the request of Mr. Whitsett, I am sending you by messenger six copies of his memorandum "The future of Southern California in the light of observations of Eastern Metropolitan Cities."

Yours very truly,

A. L. Gram, Executive Secretary

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Mr. W. P. Whitsett, Chairman
Metropolitan Water District of S. C.
306 W. Third Street
Los Angeles, Calif.

Dear Mr. Whitsett:

Many thanks for the booklet on your observations of water supply and transportation developments. As you know I am very interested in such a subject and I know your studies along this line will be of value to this part of the country. I want to read it very carefully and when I see you we can exchange views. I certainly appreciate your sending me a copy of your memorandum.

With best personal regards,

I am

Sincerely,

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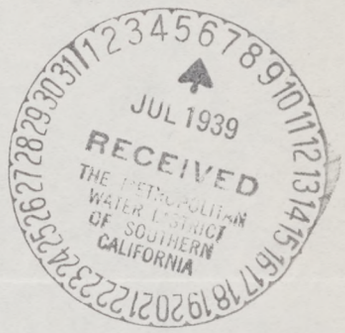


Mr. W. P. Whitsett, Chairman,
Board of Directors of
The Metropolitan Water District,
306 W. 3rd,
Los Angeles, California.

My dear Mr. Whitsett:

Received and enjoyed reading your paper on "The future of Southern California in the light of observations of Eastern Metropolitan Cities".

There is no question that Los Angeles is very backward in developing its major highways and taking care of automobile traffic. The Eastern cities have been forced to take some position and to go ahead due to the extreme traffic. Los Angeles, in all probability, will drag along until forced to do something and in this way sacrifice a better development.

I have found in my experience during the last three years with the Pacific Mercado that we have as many groups as there are men fighting each other, all trying to direct but few being constructive enough to sacrifice their own ideas in order to better the community as a whole.

Not until someone like yourself goes out on the highways and byways and preaches this gospel will there be anything done of a constructive nature.

Again let me thank you for having the privilege of reading your paper. With best wishes to yourself and Mrs. Whitsett, I remain

Very truly yours,

W. A. SIMPSON.

WAS:RP

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Mr. E. P. Hapgood
City Hall
Anaheim, California

Dear Mr. Hapgood:

I have just returned from my trip in the east and it certainly feels good to be back again.

On this trip I made a special effort to study recent developments in and about the large cities in their effort to cope with the problems of the modern age, particularly in relationship to what we must anticipate and provide for in the growth of Southern California.

I found everything in our favor. Having taken our place among the larger cities of the country at a relatively late date, we still are in a position to profit by their ~~way~~ many mistakes. We have not become so congested but what we can still convert our metropolitan area into a "city of the future" along the lines which scientists and progressive engineers are rapidly converting into reality, and do so without materially disburbing our existing developments.

I come back more convinced than ever that we are living in the midst of the greatest city of all time. All eyes are turned our way. With the coming of Colorado River water we are in a position to go ahead and build a community which will be the envy of the World. We don't have to be concerned about a market for Colorado River water. Our greatest problem will be to see that the development of the coastal plain takes place in such a way as not to result in the congestion and impossible living conditions which are bringing about stagnation of our eastern cities.

I have written down in the enclosed article some of my reactions, which I thought you might be interested in reading. I am looking forward to seeing you again st our next Board Meeting.

Yours very truly,

FLETCHER BOWRON
MAYOR

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
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LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

July 7, 1939

Mr. W. P. Whitsett
Chairman, Board of Directors
Metropolitan Water District
306 West Third Street
Los Angeles, California

Dear Mr. Whitsett:

Thank you for your letter of July 6th and for your thoughtfulness in sending me a copy of your report relative to your study of water supply and transportation developments throughout the country.

I am very glad to have it and shall examine it with interest at my first opportunity.

Sincerely yours,

Fletcher Bowron

FB:M

MAYOR

July 7, 1939

Mr. George Cryer
306 West 3d Street
Los Angeles, California

Dear Mr. Cryer:

At the request of Mr. Whitsett, I am sending you the enclosed memorandum entitled "The future of Southern California in the light of observations of Eastern Metropolitan Cities."

Yours very truly,

A. L. Gram

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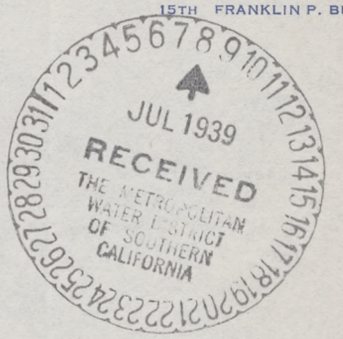


Mr. W. P. Whitsett
306 West Third Street
Los Angeles, Calif.

Dear Mr. Whitsett:

The memorandum covering your recent trip east is most interesting, and I have enjoyed reading it.

Thank you for the opportunity.

Yours very truly,

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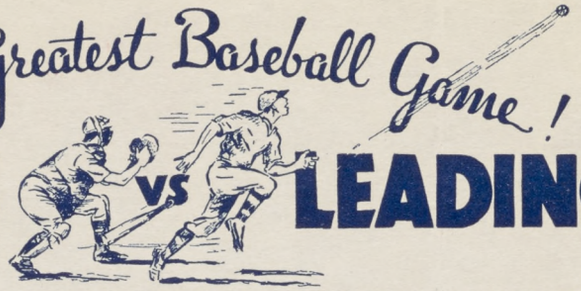

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Mr. W. P. Whitsett,
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Dear Mr. Whitsett:

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The tickets are exchangeable for reserved seats at the So. Calif. Music Co. Ticket Office, 737 So. Hill Street, on or before the day of the Game. May we suggest that you exchange them early for choice locations.

Many thanks to you.

Sincerely yours,

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Leo Carrillo,
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July 10, 1936

Mr. Earl Bright,
5504 Hollywood Boulevard,
Hollywood, California.

Dear Mr. Bright:

At the suggestion of Mr. Beetson, I am writing you with regard to visiting one of the major studios.

My guest from the East will be here for about another two weeks.

If you will let me know what times would be most interesting and convenient, I will endeavor to arrange my affairs accordingly.

In speaking to Mr. Hays of this matter, please convey to him my personal regards.

I will sincerely appreciate your assistance in this matter.

Yours very truly,

W. P. Whitsett

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# The Desert Inn

PALM SPRINGS
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February 25, 1938

Mr. W. P. Whitsett,
Metropolitan Water District,
306 West Third Street,
Los Angeles, California.

My dear Mr. Whitsett:

Was more than sorry that Mrs. Whitsett and yourself and friends could not stay and have luncheon with me on Sunday last, and as you are going on a trip for several months, it may be too warm when you come back to spend any time here, and yet sometimes May is a most delightful month. Anyway, suppose you try it when you return, and if it is too warm, you can always get away in a hurry.

I think it is most kind of you to offer me the courtesies of your office in making the trip over the aqueduct and I assure you that I am going to take it just as soon as I can. It is a trip that I should like so much to take, have been anxious to do so ever since the beginning of your work and ever since I went to Boulder City and saw the work there. Now I am more anxious than ever to follow the water back to Los Angeles.

Am sorry that you could not have been down for this week-end as we are having the hunters trials and horse show and the weather is gorgeous today, like last Sunday. I am sure they will have a big attendance.

Again thanking you for your extreme kindness in making this trippossible and with best wishes for a happy trip and safe return and kindest regards to Mrs. Whitsett and yourself, I am

Sincerely yours,

Nellie N. Coffman

Nellie N. Coffman

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# *Ford's Little Plants in the Country*

Condensed from
Factory Management and Maintenance

*Arthur Van Vlissingen*

HENRY FORD has frequently stated his belief that this country would be better off if a larger fraction of its people could work on farms and gardens during the growing seasons, and draw factory wages when not occupied by the land. Besides talking about it, Ford has done something about it. He has 16 small plants spotted at strategic points, each on a river where water power runs the machines. Eight more sites are ready, with buildings up and jobs determined, waiting the signal to go ahead.

Ford's idea of industrial decentralization is not the establishment of branch assembly plants, nor the relocation of plants from North to South or from city to country to tap a lower wage market. It is instead the removal of certain units from a main plant to small plants out in the country. Here the full Ford wage scale is paid, and in several of the plants there are men drawing the highest hourly rates in the company.

Anyone who is familiar with Henry Ford's working principles knows that the branch plants are not undertaken primarily as a form of social uplift. The point is that a small decentralized operation, through its wholesome effect on the human factor, brings better work at lower cost.

At Waterford, Michigan, is one of the smallest of the rural plants, and one of the most notable. Here 65 men make all the precision gauges used in Ford inspection. Their work calls for almost infinitesimal accuracy. When these men used to make inspection gauges in their own tiny department of the huge Rouge plant, they were just so many highly paid workmen among 85,000. Their job was important, they knew, but it was overwhelmed by the plant's total immensity.

Out here the real importance of making top-quality precision instruments has a chance to be felt. The men are not a sub-sub-department tucked off in a corner and almost forgotten. They are a separate little industry, making tools without which precision production would be impossible and the modern motorcar non-existent. Talk with any of the men and you get a feeling of craft and personal pride which you thought had long since vanished from the factories of the earth.

"That man working over yonder? The best lapper in the world, and

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For years thereafter veterinary instruction was in the hands of private commercial interests. Civil service requirements, rigorous licensing, and higher professional standards showed up the inadequacies of the private schools, and in 1928 the last of them closed its doors. Ten well-equipped state institutions train veterinarians today, and the Bureau of Animal Industry has absorbed nearly a third of the graduates.

Despite the increasing importance of veterinary work, there is only one veterinarian to every 13 physicians, to every 500 livestock owners and to every 20,000 animals. Not that there is lack of young men eager to enter the field. But, for lack of accommodations, schools of veterinary medicine are turning away thousands of applicants interested in the work.

That work is highly complex. Hog cholera, for instance, occurs only in swine; but swine are also susceptible to both bovine tuberculosis and the avian form which chickens have. Foxes in captivity have some of the same diseases as dogs, but contract others that have never been observed in dogs. A Bureau publication on diseases of poultry contains 69 pages of fine print and includes ailments with such fantastic names as bumblefoot, limber neck, and edema of the wattles, as well as the more familiar maladies like gout, paralysis and malaria.

Small wonder that the Bureau's work abounds in specialties. For the past decade Dr. J. E. Shillinger of the Bureau of Biological Survey has been pioneering with the Bureau of Animal Industry in the field of wild-life disease. Attempts to control epidemics that periodically ravage wild animals and birds are prompted by more than humane sentiment. Domestic and wild animals having access to the same pastures can infect one another.

Within the past few years bubonic plague has been found among ground squirrels in the West. Their fleas can spread it among humans, and the government is now attempting to avert the danger by feeding the squirrels poisoned grain.

Since diseases of animals, whether wild or domestic, are of direct concern to humans, it is often difficult to draw a line between the domain of the veterinarian and that of the public health officer. Anthrax, rabies, glanders and rabbit fever are infectious diseases of man as well as of animals. Typhoid, septic sore throat, diphtheria and smallpox, in addition to tuberculosis, are spread through milk from diseased cows.

The veterinarian who sits up in a draughty barn all night with a sick animal, who jabs hypodermic needles into bulls, or peers through his microscope, trying to isolate a germ that is taking heavy toll among pigeons, may not be coming in for his share of front-page publicity. But he has the satisfaction of knowing that his work is vital to public health.

a lot more to a farm boy or small-town workman, for a town like Ypsilanti offers no overplus of $6-a-day jobs. Third, if a workman gets a good idea it is not dwarfed by the magnitude of his surroundings and never heard of outside his department. Instead, folks point him out at the movies.

The extra expenses of transporting raw stock to Ypsilanti and hauling finished parts away is made up in lower supervisory costs. All that these people require is to be shown how a job is done, and then an occasional visit to be sure they have not lost the knack. Beyond this, they ask nothing but that the boss go away and let them do it. They are self-reliant, interested, proud of being an important part of this fine, high-paying plant.

Social benefits, Ford asserts, are the by-products of efficient business management. But even as a by-product it is important to give people an opportunity for greater self-generated security than the industrial cities can provide. It is important to let people live in the steady, sane atmosphere of the countryside, away from the ills and isms of congested areas. "It is the lack of income that drives people from the country to the city," Ford says. "A city income in country surroundings is easily possible — and that is what our small plants are intended, for one thing, to show."

Beyond all room for argument, Ford has proved that the decentralization program is practical, that many kinds of work are done better in small plants where everybody from manager to sweeper can concentrate on the specialized problem free of the turmoil inseparable from large-scale manufacture. If other manufacturers learn this lesson, in a few years there will be hundreds of village industries scattered throughout the industrial states.

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## *Desert Miracle*

THE AMERICAN DESERT — that barren southwest region of whining, wind-driven sands — ceases to be desert when spring rain comes: within ten days dunes that were Sahara-like show primroses bigger than teacups, snowy thistle poppies, whole valleys of lupines and heliotrope. Against the sky rise hills of beaten gold — yellow poppies and tulips so thick one cannot step without crushing them. Sand verbena, prettier than any New England garden's, crowd between wild hollyhocks and desert lilies; the ocotillo's crimson flame mingles with ground-cherry and tiny white daisies to form a flat covering as intricately patterned as a Persian rug. Rain may skip some areas for two or three years, but about every five years widespread rains transform practically the whole desert into radiant bloom.

—Oren Arnold in *Travel*

every man in the plant will fight if you doubt it!

"Instruments? Anything we need we get. Inspectors? Don't be silly! Where could you find anybody to inspect us? Any man who turns out a piece of work at Waterford that isn't accurate to specifications doesn't need an inspector. He needs to go get a job running a punch press. We're the only department in the whole company that doesn't have any inspectors."

Cocky? Assuredly. Swell-headed? Not a bit. Each man is good, but he knows that over at the next bench is a man just as good or even a little better. The spirit is one of pride in belonging to such an outfit. You never find that kind of college spirit tucked away in a big mass-production factory.

But Waterford is hardly a fair sample of Henry Ford's idea of one foot in industry and one on the soil, because gauge-makers cannot afford to farm with $10 time, and besides they have 50 weeks of work a year. But at Ypsilanti, where 1200 men and women make starters and generators, a large proportion of the employes are as much farmers as factory hands. Dozens take leave of absence as soon as the soil can be worked in the spring, returning to their jobs after harvest. Scores more take shorter layoffs to help with sowing and threshing peaks. Rule One at all the small plants is that a man may leave any time to work on the farm, may have his job back when he gets through farming. Many of the workers are over 60 years old. For all, men and women, the Ford wage of $6 a day is minimum.

A man laid off in an industrial city is condemned to idleness and lost income unless he gets another job. In the country he always has enough postponed farm work to keep him profitably busy as long as he is off — and if the shutdown should be long, he has his land to support him. The city employe may not always be found after layoff, but the farmer-worker has his roots down, is there when the shop reopens.

As you go through Ypsilanti, you observe various operations different from anything you have ever seen. Your guide explains: "The boy on that job thought of it himself, so we turned the hunch over to a machine-tool company and they worked it out." Or, "It looked like a good idea when the winding-machine operator figured it out, so we made up a few in our machine shop and they stepped up our production from 60 to 80 an hour."

I have never seen so many home-spun developments in any other shop of the same size. A number of influences contribute to this situation. First, the wage earner who comes to a plant in an agricultural community is a higher average type, has more background of thinking for himself, than the average of the city streets. Second, the job means

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July 7, 1938

Mr. W. P. Whitsett
Chairman Metropolitan Water District
of Southern California
306 W. Third Street
Los Angeles, California

My dear Mr. Whitsett:

Scarecely a week goes by that I do not run across something that reminds me of my many pleasant associations with you.

I can see today more than ever that your garden acre farm idea is the key to this country's future stability. For fear that you might not see Arthur Van Vlissingen's article, "Ford's Little Plants in the Country," I have clipped it out of my current Reader's Digest and am forwarding it to you..

Sometime in the near future, I would like to write a similar article on your own activities along this line for the magazine section of the Christian Science Monitor, Forum, Harper's, or Scribner's; anyone of which should be in the market for such material.

Most cordially yours,

H. Phelps Gates

H. Phelps Gates
Managing Editor

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Enclosure 1

September 6, 1938

Mr. Edward Hyatt
3634 Brockway Court
Sacramento, California

Dear Mr. Hyatt:

Mrs. Whitsett and I are today mailing to you and Mrs. Hyatt an invitation to a barbecue we are giving in our garden on September 24th honoring the members of the Colorado River Board of California. We very much hope that you and Mrs. Hyatt will be able to attend. Our thought is to bring together in an informal social evening those primarily concerned in the colution of the great water problems in Southern California.

We in Southern California cannot forget the great service you rendered in bringing together the various interests in California involved in the use of Colorado River water, nor the monumental work which you did in developing a comprehensive plan for the utilization of the waters of this State.

In addition to the members of the Colorado River Board of California there will be present representatives from the Metropolitan Water District and other groups who will work together in the solution of problems which will arise in the future. While the evening will be strictly social, it is hoped that it will afford an opportunity for all of us to know one another better.

Very sincerely,

W. P. Whitsett

September 6, 1938

Governor Frank F. Merriam
Sacramento
California

My dear Governor:

Mrs. Whitsett and I are today mailing to you and Mrs. Merriam an invitation to a barbecue we are giving in our garden on September 24th honoring members of the Colorado River Board of California whom you recently appointed.

We are having the Water and Power Commissioners, Los Angeles directors of the Metropolitan Water District, chief engineers and others with their wives in the thought that a purely social evening together will strengthen that feeling of mutual interest which should exist in our great water and power problems.

We will feel highly honored if you and Mrs. Merriam can be with us as our most distinguished guests, and to give your "blessing" to these men whose work means so much to the future of California.

Very sincerely,

W. P. Whitsett

September 6, 1938

Mr. J. E. Schumacher
4435 Woodley Avenue
Encino, California

Dear Mr. Schumacher:

Enclosed is my application for membership in LOS CABALLEROS.

Thank you for your courtesy in including me on the list of charter members.

Yours very truly,

W. P. Whitsett

Encl.

*Joseph E. Schumacher*
4435 WOODLEY AVENUE
*Encino, California*

August 30, 1938

Mr. Paul Whitsett
6711 Van Nuys Blvd.
Van Nuys, California

LOS CABALLEROS

Dear Mr. Whitsett:

We are now working on the list of Charter Members for the Los Caballeros and would like to include your name in that list, as you have indicated your intentions of joining. The Committee will pass on all applications within a few days. May we have your application as soon as possible?

Yours very truly,

J. E. Schumacher

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EDWARD HYATT. STATE ENGINEER
CHIEF OF DIVISION

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STATE OF CALIFORNIA
Department of Public Works
SACRAMENTO

DIVISION OF WATER RESOURCES
401 PUBLIC WORKS BUILDING

September 13, 1938

Mr. W. P.Whitsett,
306 West Third Street,
Los Angeles, California.

Dear Mr. Whitsett:

Answering your kind invitation of September 6, Mrs. Hyatt will be unable to attend your dinner meeting on September 24, but I shall be happy to be present and sincerely thank you for remembering me in this connection. I shall be in Los Angeles on that day and will get in touch with you or someone in your office as to time and exact location. I note with relief that it is to be an informal social evening.

Again thanking you for this invitation and assuring you of my desire and intent to be present at that time, I am

Cordially yours,

Edward Hyatt

State Engineer

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FRANK L. SHAW
MAYOR

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
CITY HALL
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

September 21, 1938

Commissioner William P. Whitsett
6711 Van Nuys Boulevard
Van Nuys, California

Dear Commissioner Whitsett:

I am taking this means of acknowledging the earnest devotion to your official duties, and the concern for the welfare of the City of Los Angeles which you have invariably shown during my administration as Mayor.

In accordance with the City Charter, your tenure of office continues until completion of the term for which you were appointed. Knowing that your first loyalty is to the people of our City, I am confident that you will give the same conscientious service under the new administration that you have in the past.

With deepest appreciation and kindest personal regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

Frank L. Shaw

MAYOR

FLS:mf

December 14, 1938

Mr. Arthur Bent
418 South Pecan
Los Angeles, California

Dear Mr. Bent:

Replying to your letter of the eighth, I have recently advised Mrs. Whitsett that I will join her in Florida and have Christmas with her and her people, and we will return together by the first of the year. She will no doubt so advise Mrs. Bent.

Yours very truly,

W. P. Whitsett

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December 8,1938

Mr. Wm. P. Whitsett,
Van Nuys Blvd.,
Van Nuys, California.

Dear Mr. Whitsett:

Mrs. Bent and I are just in receipt of a very welcome note from Mrs. Whitsett dated Place Placid, Jacksonville, in which she accepts for you and her our invitation to be at our home on December 17th at 8 o'clock.

But it is evident from her reply that she regarded it as a dinner invitation, which is not the case and I wanted to correct this so that you won't spend the evening in a hungry condition. I am sure you would not enjoy Mr. Arnold's talk if you have not had anything to eat.

We are very happy to be expecting you at 8 o'clock on that evening, and if you will kindly correct Mrs. Whitsett's impression I shall appreciate it.

Very truly yours,

Arthur S. Bent

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CALIFORNIA BOND

February 24, 1939

Mr. W. P. Whitsett
Chairman, Board of Directors
The Metropolitan Water District
of Southern California
Los Angeles, California

Dear Mr. Whitsett:

It is with extreme pleasure that the Board of Directors of The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California learned of the honor recently conferred upon you by the Los Angeles Realty Board in selecting you as the Los Angeles Citizen making the greatest civic contribution during 1938.

This is an award well bestowed.

Those of us who have had the pleasure of working with you during recent years feel a special pride in the fact that this recognition has come to a member of our Board of Directors. We may well be pardoned for having a feeling that the enthusiastic support which you have given our program contributed in a major degree in your selection.

Hoping that other opportunities may open up in the future for continued public service, we are, yours, with best wishes.

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LYNN ATKINSON
813 Edwards & Wildey Bldg.
6th and Grand
LOS ANGELES, CALIF.

July 10,1939.

Mr. W. P. Whitsett,
c/o Metropolitan Water District,
306 West Third Street,
Los Angeles, California.

Friend Whitsett,

Since talking to you over the telephone relative to the recent mimeographed statement which you have released, I have re-read it and believe it is so worthwhile that I want to mail it to about 100 interested friends. Originally I requested you to send me six copies, which I have not as yet received, but now I am going to ask you to send me 100, if it is not too much trouble. There are many interested leading citizens who should have your message, and I hope you will be able to comply with this request.

Under separate cover I am sending you twenty copies of a reprint of my talk this last winter, which I thought you might desire to distribute to others. If you want additional copies, please let me know, as 5,000 of these were originally ordered and there are still quite a few on hand.

If possible I would like to have these copies of your memorandum at my office not later than Wednesday morning in order that I can have them for distribution at a luncheon meeting of Town Hall Wednesday noon, July 12th. Better still, why don't you come to the luncheon, as the talk I am to give will be "down your alley". It is a meeting of the City Planning Section of Town Hall, to be held in Conference Room 6, at the Biltmore Hotel at 12 00 o'clock noon. Think it would be of interest to you, as it is expected there will be ~~several~~ other leading citizens present. Would like to have you as my guest.

Best regards,

Lynn Atkinson.

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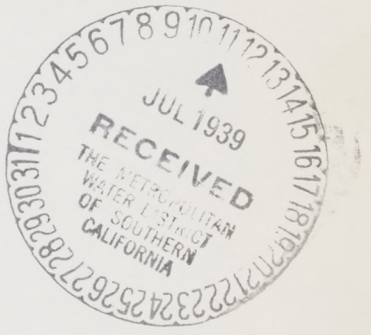


Mr. W. P. Whitsett,
Chairman,
The Metropolitan Water District
of Southern California,
306 West Third Street,
Los Angeles, California.

My dear Paul:

I acknowledge receipt of your favor of the 30th ultimo with accompanying enclosure, all of which I have perused with considerable interest.

With kind wishes and regards, -

Yours truly,

Victor

VHR.rr

July 11, 1939

Mr. Lynn Atkinson
813 Edwards & Wildey Building
6th and Grand Avenue
Los Angeles, California

Dear Lynn:

I am sending you herewith by messenger 100 copies of Mr. Whitsett's remarks entitled "The future of Southern California in the light of observations of Eastern Metropolitan Cities."

I succeeded in getting the message to him over the phone requesting these copies and inviting him to attend the Town Hall Luncheon tomorrow, the 12th.

He asked me to send you the information and to tell you that he regretted very much having made arrangements for tomorrow which would preclude his coming into the city.

Yours very truly,

A. L. Gram

Enclosures

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
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LOS ANGELES CALIFORNIA

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THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

DATE July 19, 1939
FILE NO. 56911
SUBJECT Future of Los Angeles Development, etc.

Mr. W. P. Whitsett,
Chairman, Metropolitan Water
District of Southern California,
306 W. Third Street,
Los Angeles, California.

Dear Mr. Whitsett:

I have read with considerable interest your memorandum on "The Future of Southern California in the Light of Observations of Eastern Metropolitan Cities" as enclosed in your letter of July 6. I heartily agree with your statement that the most fortunate man in America is the man who comes home to Southern California.

The City of Los Angeles and its metropolitan area are really just in their initial stages of development and can be made just as great and fine or as commonplace and futile as the vision or lack of vision of its officials, leaders and its people will make it. I believe we have an unparalleled opportunity in this area to create the finest of modern cities, free from the congestion, population density and other faults of the older cities, by taking advantage of the modern developments in the fields of transit, transportation, highways, parks, playgrounds and disposal of wastes. Adequate provisions have been and are already being made for the other essentials of a large city, namely water and power.

In order to accomplish the proper development of this area we must, in building for today, build for the future. This will require, as you have stated, immediate and far sighted planning and will require the cooperative vision and active support of all the leading elements of the community.

This Bureau, in cooperation with other City Departments and outside agencies, is now engaged in the study and planning for a future highway and transit system in keeping with the needs and possibilities of this City and I will be most happy to have your thoughts and ideas at any time on matters under my jurisdiction.

Very truly yours,

Lloyd Aldrich

HHW/J

LLOYD ALDRICH, City Engineer.

Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce

LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

July 21, 1939

W. P. Whitsett, Chairman
The Metropolitan Water District
of Southern California
306 West Third Street
Los Angeles, California

Dear Paul:

The memorandum of your observations, sent with your letter of July 6, is very interesting.

Particularly important are the possibilities of transportation. The citizens' committee headed by Mr. Winnett will shortly conclude its survey and make a report. I am hopeful that the report will point the way to future development along the lines referred to in your memorandum.

With quick and safe highway and street systems, we can develop a mode and scale of living far better than our predecessors dreamed.

With kind personal regards,

Cordially yours

James L. Beebe
President

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July 28, 1939

Mr. Lynn Atkinson
813 Edwards & Wildey Bldg.
Los Angeles, California

Dear Lynn:

Thank you for sending me a copy of your letter transmitting my observations with regard to the necessity of adequately planning Southern California's future transportation system and its bearing upon our water distribution. These problems are among the most important which confront the proper development of Southern California.

I am glad that you are tackling this problem in your characteristic dynamic way. It will be a great tradegy if our development is permitted to continue in the haphazard manner of the past until improvements and costs make impossible a sound solution of the problems.

My best wishes are with you.

Yours very truly,

W. P. Whitsett

LYNN ATKINSON
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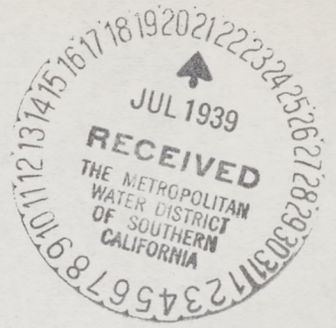
July 19, 1939.




Mr. W. P. Whitsett,
c/o Metropolitan Water District,
306 West Third Street,
Los Angeles, California.

Friend Whitsett,

Just a short note to enclose copy of letter which I am using in forwarding the copy of your mimeograph letter to a large group of leading citizens. In fact the group is so large that we will need additional copies and if it is not asking too much I am going to impose on your good nature and request 60 additional copies of your article for this purpose. Your article is most interesting.

Best regards,

Lynn Atkinson.

P. S. Forget sending over the additional copies as I will have mimeograph copies made by our office as there are certain portions of this which should be underlined.

L. A.

LYNN ATKINSON
813 Edwards & Wildey Bldg.
6th and Grand
LOS ANGELES, CALIF.

July 19, 1939. - C O P Y -

Dear Mr.

Our mutual friend, Mr. W. P. Whitsett, Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Metropolitan Water District, has recently returned from the east enthused with the idea of solving our traffic and rapid transit problems, and upon receiving a letter from him I urged him to forward me mimeograph copies of a prepared article, copy of which is enclosed herewith, which I hope will prove of interest to you.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Yours very truly,

Copy
Lynn Atkinson.

August 2, 1939

Mr. Dan B. Miner
272 Chamber of Commerce Bldg.
Los Angeles, California

Dear Dan:

I appreciate very much your comments with regard to my memorandum which Lynn Atkinson has been circulating.

For a great many years I have made it a practice to take an annual trip through the East to study conditions, and particularly to ascertain the attitude of Easterners towards migration to Southern California.

My recent trip has more than ever confirmed my conviction that we will eventually see here in Southern California the greatest metropolitan development of all times. Having become one of the large cities of the World at a comparatively late date, we are not cursed with the mistake of skyscrapers and the resulting over-concentration of population and congestion of traffic. By careful planning and direction we can, with proper foresight and leadership, take advantage of the technical and scientific developments now being perfected so as to make Southern California a truly modern community in every sense of the word.

With our resources, in addition to our recently developed adequate supplies of water and power, we are in a position in my opinion to go forward as never before. Our coastal plain is admirably adapted to the present trend of decentralization of industry, which will enable the industrial workers to live in a healthful rural environment. It is important at this stage that by careful planning for the future provision be made for a modern transportation system and all other features essential to the community of tomorrow.

With sincerest regards,

Yours very truly,

W. P. Whitsett

DAN B. MINER
272 Chamber of Commerce Bldg
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

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THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

President of
DAN B. MINER CO.
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July 25, 1939

Mr. W. P. Whitsett, Chairman
Board of Directors
Metropolitan Water District
306 West Third Street
Los Angeles, California

Dear Mr. Whitsett:

Lynn Atkinson has just sent me some observations you made after returning from your eastern trip particularly as they affect the transportation and traffic problems of Southern California.

I have read this through with a great deal of interest and I want to compliment you upon the simple way in which you have presented such a wide grasp of this whole situation as it affects Los Angeles and vicinity.

It has been very interesting to read, and I hope that enough interest can be crystallized so that some united effort will result in the logical solution to this problem.

Very sincerely yours,

D. B. Miner

DBM LC

August 3, 1939

Mr. Lynn Atkinson
813 Edwards & Wildey Building
609 South Grand Avenue
Los Angeles, California

Dear Lynn:

Thanks for sending me the letters, which I am returning herewith. I enjoyed reading them very much.

Yours very truly,

W. P. Whitsett

Encls.

LYNN ATKINSON
813 Edwards & Wildey Bldg.
6th and Grand
LOS ANGELES, CALIF.

August 1, 1939.

Mr. W. P. Whitsett,
c/o Metropolitan Water District,
306 West Third Street,
Los Angeles, California.

Friend Whitsett,

Your letter of July 28th is at hand, and I thought you might be interested in hearing the viewpoints of others as to your observations in connection with the recent mimeographs which I forwarded to about 75 or 100 "prominents".

I am forwarding these to you under separate cover, and I am enclosing a stamped return envelope as I would like to have you return them to me for my files. I am just forwarding them to you to read, with the idea that such unanimous interest and approval might inspire you to join with me in tackling this problem in "your characteristic dynamic way".

I join with you in believing that "it will be a great tragedy if our development is permitted to continue in the haphazard manner of the past". However, unless leading citizens such as yourself with real vision and enthusiasm take a definite interest from now on, these developments are liable to be subject to the deadening effects of those who are interested in preserving present facilities and who do not desire improvement.

We can and should make this an efficient modern "city of tomorrow":— ~~with~~ a "trolleyless city". Lets tear up the car tracks. They are an outmoded, antediluvian mode of transportation.

Lets provide a real "Overhead and Express Highway System" that will challenge the world's interest and admiration.

Best regards,

Lynn Atkinson.

P. S. Please don't forget to return the various letters forwarded under separate cover when you have read them.

L. A.

# County of Los Angeles
## Board of Supervisors
## Los Angeles

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THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

Mr. W. P. Whitsett
Metropolitan Water District
306 West 3rd Street
Los Angeles, California

Dear Mr. Whitsett:

Thank you very much for your most interesting comment on your travels throughout the United States which you state were planned and set down as a means to aid in study of transportation developments in Southern California.

I cannot help but comment on your statement that "Los Angeles is best designed to meet the requirements of that fabulous World of Tomorrow-- indicated in the New York Worlds Fair", for I have always felt that this is in truth God's Country and He has made it indeed a wonderland for the benefit of His people.

May I also compliment you upon the fine way in which you have presented the picture of your travels and experiences, and I have no doubt that this will be of great value to you in your studies along the lines of transportation and utility service in Los Angeles County.

With kind personal regards, I am,

Yours very truly,

Gordon L. McDonough

Gordon L. McDonough
Supervisor Second District

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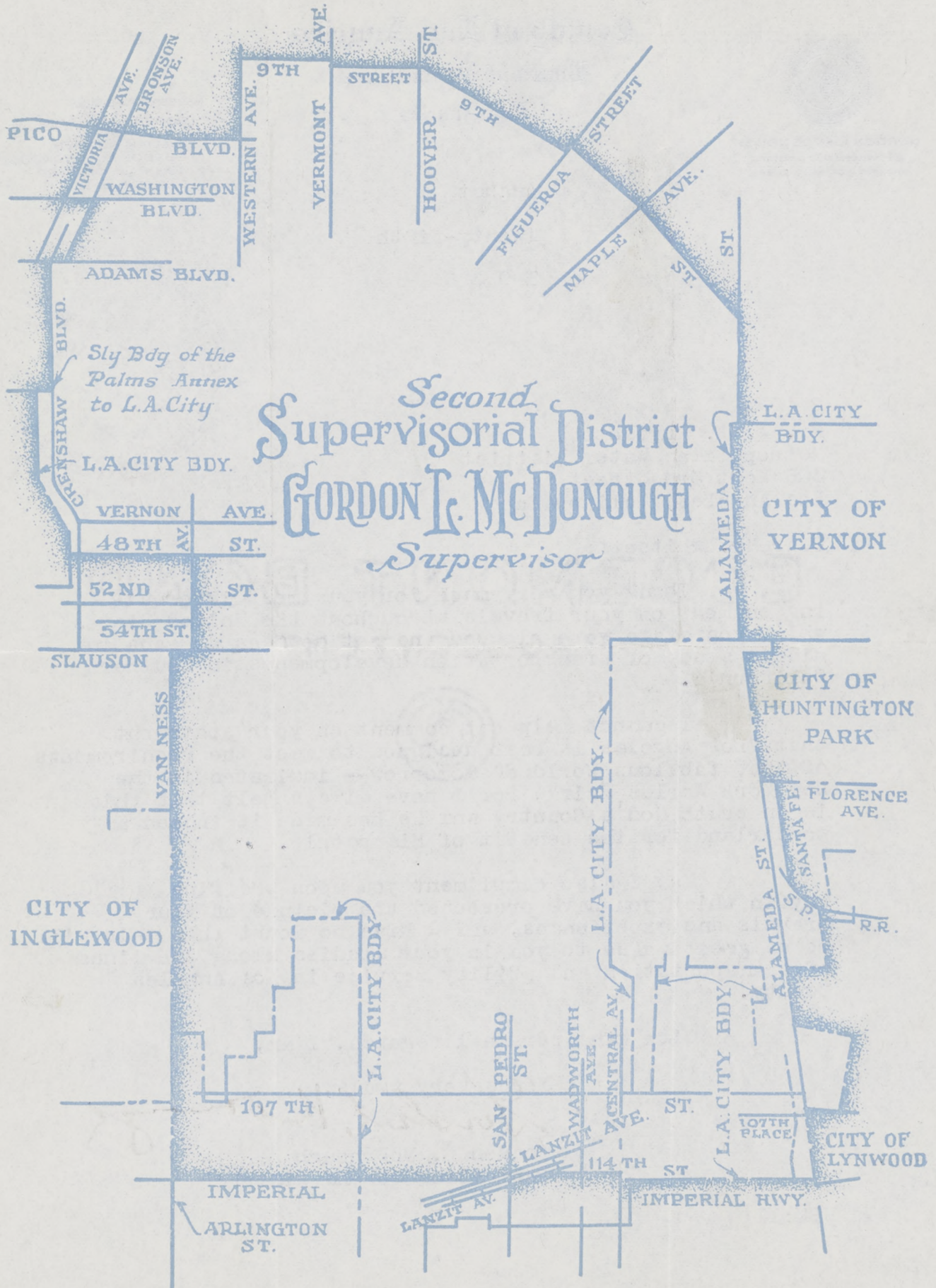
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August 28, 1939

Mr. W. P. Whitsett
Chairman, Metropolitan Water Board
306 West Third Street
Los Angeles, California

My dear Mr. Whitsett:

Thank you for having Mr. Gram send me a copy of your "Future of Southern California in the light of observations of Eastern Metropolitan Cities." I am glad to place it with other of your material in my personal file.

Have you received a copy of the paper - Quality of Water Division, by C. S. Howard? In case you have not, I am enclosing a mimeographed copy which I believe will be interesting to you.

Thanking you again, I am,

Yours sincerely,

Geo. P. Clements, M.D.
Agricultural Department

July 19, 1939

Dr. Geo. P. Clements, Manager
Agricultural Department
Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce
Los Angeles, California

Dear Dr. Clements:

Mr. Whitsett has asked me to send you a copy of a memorandum containing his observations on a recent trip through the East. He thought you would be interested in reading this.

Yours very truly,

A. L. Gram

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September 29, 1939

Mr. Morgan V. Gress,
Jacksonville, Florida.

Dear Mr. Gress:

Following receipt of your letter I had looked forward to the privilege of a visit with your daughter and son-in-law and of showing them about in Southern California. Unfortunately they arrived during the hottest period experienced here in some fifty years. The heat brought with it problems and emergencies which prevented me, for several days, from calling at the Ambassador. To my dismay and reget I found they had already left, probably shortening their stay because of the heat.

Not knowing their itinerary I addressed a letter to the hotel in the hope that it would be forwarded to them or that we would have the pleasure of meeting them on their return home.

Sincerely yours,

W. P. Whitsett

MORGAN V. GRESS
JACKSONVILLE, FLA.

September 9 1939

Mr. W.P.Whitsett
Los Angeles,
California

Dear Mr. Whitsett:

My daughter, Gretchen married since you were over here, Fontaine LeMaistre Vice-President of the First National Bank Palm Beach Florida, and is going to be at the Ambassador Hotel September the 18th for a few days' stay on their way to the Fair at San Francisco. Fontaine would like very much indeed to hear at first hand some of the interesting accomplishments in connection with bringing that water to Southern California cities.

You were here shortly after you had introduced Jesse Jones from one of the tunnels and you remarked that there were only two people who had accomplished a similar project--Moses and Brigham Young, and since you couldn't consult Moses, you went to Salt Lake City and spent much time in conference with the Mormons and viewed their plan of transporting water to that desert. Fontaine will call on you and I would appreciate your repeating some of the very interesting things you told me. Mrs. Whitsett knows Gretchen.

We hope to see you over this way this winter, and with regards to you and Mrs. Whitsett, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

MVG:j

Morgan V. Gress

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Dear Mr. Whitsett:

I am indeed sorry that my daughter and son-in-law did not have the opportunity to meet you and hear at first-hand of the wonderful work you are doing there. However, come on over here this winter and let's have a little golf, a little bridge, and a trip down the East Coast. We will stop and see them at Palm Beach.

With regards to you and Mrs. Whitsett,

I am

Very sincerely yours,

Morgan Gress

MVG:j

June 10, 1940

Mr. Russ Avery
604 Homer Laughlin Building
315 South Broadway
Los Angeles, California

My dear Judge Avery:

Replying to your letter of May 31st, I wish to say that I had an English saddle made for Mrs. Whitsett immediately after purchasing her new horse. She had one in light leather for the horse she rode formerly, but wanted one in darker leather which she thought looked better for the bay I just gave her.

So you see my better half is very particular about her riding equipment, giving her own orders for what she wants, in color and design, and I wouldn't have much chance of getting a bargain for her.

Thank you for offering me the opportunity nevertheless.

With all good wishes for you and Mrs. Avery,

Sincerely,

W. P. Whitsett

RUSS AVERY
ATTORNEY AT LAW
604 HOMER LAUGHLIN BUILDING
315 SOUTH BROADWAY
LOS ANGELES
MICHIGAN 2359

May 31, 1940

Mr. W. P.Whitsett
306 West Third Street
Los Angeles, California

Dear Mr. Whitsett:

Mrs. Avery told me yesterday that she was informed by Mrs. Whitsett that you had recently bought your wife a very fine saddle horse, and we are both very much pleased that you have done so.

I am wondering whether she has an English saddle which is satisfactory to her; and, if not, I should like to call your attention to one that I have and which I think is exceptionally fine.

My former wife was about the size of Mrs. Whitsett, and she had an English saddle made according to expert specifications by a St. Louis saddlery company. The saddle is about an inch and a half longer than the ordinary English-type and proportionately broad in the seat. The cantle is somewhat higher than the ordinary saddle and, therefore, makes easier riding and greater safety. The leather skirts contain about 75% more leather than the ordinary skirts and protect the clothing very materially. We paid $150.00 for this saddle and, in addition thereto, bought a leather cinch at a cost of $12.00 more. The cinch has not been used.

In addition to the foregoing, we bought a very fine double-rein and double-bit bridle of the horseshow type for exhibition and riding purposes, at a cost of $20.00. There is also a white saddle blanket that has been used only once or twice and is in excellent condition--quite as good as new. I should like to sell the entire outfit for $85.00, and if you are interested I should be pleased to bring it up to your office in the Metropolitan Water District Building and leave it there for your inspection and approval.

The saddle horse that I had died, and I am quite sure that I shall not take up riding again--at least from any horse that I may own. If you are interested, please let me hear from you.

With very kindest personal regards to you and Mrs. Whitsett from Mrs. Avery and myself, I remain

Sincerely yours,

Russ Avery

RA:JB

RUSS AVERY

June 17, 1940

Mr. James R. Page
The All-Year Club of
Southern California, Ltd.
629 South Hill Street
Los Angeles, California

Dear Mr. Page:

I am sending you copies of the letters I have addressed at your suggestion to Supervisors Jessup, McDonough, and Hauge, also a set of the enclosures referred to in some of the letters.

Your suggestion was timely and constructive. We should commend our public officials occasionally and not confine our expressions to them entirely to protests and criticism.

With sincere regards,

Yours very truly,

W. P. Whitsett

Enclosures

June 17, 1940

Mr. Roger Jessup
Chairman, Board of Supervisors
Los Angeles County
501 Hall of Records
Los Angeles, California

Dear Roger:

It has been very gratifying to me to learn that the Board of Supervisors will again support the agencies which are doing such splendid work in calling the attention of the people of the Nation to the outstanding tourist and recreational facilities of Southern California.

The comparatively small amount of money that is spent for this purpose is returned to the community a hundred-fold in terms of business and jobs. From my own personal experiences and investigation I know what the tourist business of Southern California has meant to our population growth and investment expansion.

You, of course, are just as well informed and as fully aware of the importance of keeping Southern California in the mind of the traveling American public as I am, but I want you to know that I for one appreciate the steps you have taken to this end.

I am enclosing a few remarks which I made at a meeting commemorating the 25th anniversary of the annexing of the San Fernando Valley to the City of Los Angeles and a copy of the Van Nuys News of June 13 reporting a conference which we held in the San Fernando Valley on the development of the subsistence home acre.

Southern California is ideally suited for this type of development and I am convinced that the future will see even more rapid progress along these lines than in the past. Such a development is very definitely related to

the great number of competent and typical Americans of the retirement age who will be seeking the type of home and living conditions we have to offer them in Southern California.

With sincerest regards,

Very truly yours,

W. P. Whitsett

Enclosures

June 17, 1940

Dr. Oscar Hauge
Supervisor, Los Angeles County
501 Hall of Records
Los Angeles, California

Dear Dr. Hauge:

It has been called to my attention that you supported the proposal to continue financial assistance to those agencies which are so vigorously and ably carrying on the work of publicizing to the people of the Nation the tourist and residential advantages that Southern California has to offer. As you know, other areas are adopting the methods which have proved so successful in Southern California and each year competition becomes keener.

For years I have studied the migration of people to Southern California. I am convinced that we obtain a tremendous direct and indirect return for the comparatively small amount of money which the County provides for publicity. While I don't enjoy paying taxes any more than anyone else, I feel that this money is in the nature of an investment rather than an expenditure.

With sincere regards and appreciation,

Yours very truly,

W. P. Whitsett

June 17, 1940

Mr. Gordon L. McDonough
Supervisor, Los Angeles County
501 Hall of Records
Los Angeles, California

Dear Gordon:

As a taxpayer of Los Angeles County I want to express appreciation to you for your sound judgment in supporting those agencies devoting their time to publicizing Southern California throughout the Nation. Never has a need for such funds been greater and of course never have increased taxes been more objectionable. If we are to continue to grow and expand as we have in the past we must everlastingly, in and out of season, tell our story to Mr. and Mrs. Average American.

As you know, I have for years studied the trend of population to Southern California and in that connection I have demonstrated the soundness of the subsistence home as a basis for a sound internal development of the American way of living. I am convinced that in the years to come we are going to see a great expansion of this wholesome type of development.

Enclosed is a copy of some remarks I made relating to this subject at a meeting celebrating the 25th anniversary of the annexing of the San Fernando Valley to the City of Los Angeles and a copy of the Van Nuys News of June 13 reporting a meeting held at my home in furtherence of this ideal. I thought you would be interested in this information.

Again expressing my appreciation as a citizen of Los Angeles for your constructive work,

Yours very truly,

W. P. Whitsett

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June 6, 1940

Mr. W. P. Whitsett
Metropolitan Water District
306 W. 3rd St.
Los Angeles, Calif.

Dear Mr. Whitsett:

In recent discussions on appropriations to the All-Year Club, Los Angeles County Supervisors Roger W. Jessup, Dr. Oscar Hauge and Gordon McDonough steadfastly have held to the far-sighted principle that our work is acting to increase our community's income, lower our tax load and deserves continued support.

I have long felt that business men often make a mistake in that we seldom approach our political representatives unless we have something to complain about and we forget to pat them on the back when their actions are unquestionably for the community good.

I suggest you take the time to write a letter to these three gentlemen, voicing your appreciation for their vision in supporting and making possible this community-building effort. I would appreciate seeing a copy of your letter.

Sincerely yours,

James R. Page

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June 17, 1940

Mr. P. G. Winnett
President, Bullock's
Los Angeles, California

Dear Mr. Winnett:

As relating to our discussions with regard to transportation facilities, I am sending you for your reaction a copy of some remarks which I made at a meeting commemorating the 25th anniversary of the annexing of the San Fernando Valley to the City of Los Angeles and a report in the Van Nuys News of June 13 of a meeting at my home with regard to the development in the San Fernando Valley of the subsistence home acre.

I know that you understand fully what such a semi-rural type of development means to the downtown Los Angeles business district and the importance of having an adequate transportation system.

Yours very truly,

W. P. Whitsett

Enclosures

July 10, 1940

Mr. Joseph Scott
357 South Hill Street
Los Angeles, California

Dear Joe:

The press of my affairs here at the District and my private obligations are responsible for my neglect to respond sooner to your kind invitation to attend the dinner you are arranging in honor of Reverend Zacheus J. Maher, S.J.

I shall deem it a great pleasure and a privilege to accept your invitation and will look forward to the event with anticipation.

Yours very truly,

W. P. Whitsett

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Friend Whitsell:

Leave shortly for trip down the St Lawrence to Montreal.

Sorry to learn that Mr Nordlinger passed on. He was a high type man and an asset to the Board.

Also sorry about Mr Grieve trouble which trust has been straightened out by this time. Have been wondering who the Mayor has appointed.

Will be in Halifax by the 1st and hope to be home by August 18th at least. Returning via Lake Louise, Banf and Glacier Park.

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BROCKVILLE, ONT.

War conditions here are quite disturbing. Meet many here I know, including Harry Philp, former General Manager - Broadway Department Store. Trust both you and Mrs Whitsell are fine and will see you soon. Mrs Pontius joins me in best wishes to both.

Sincerely Yours

H. Pontius

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August 28, 1940

Senator Hiram Johnson
Senate Office Building
Washington, D. C.

Dear Senator Johnson:

The overwhelming victory won by you yesterday in California's Primary brings new hope and fresh courage to us who have followed you through your many years of splendid service to the cause of true Americanism.

Such an expression of confidence from Republican, Democratic, and Progressive voters proves that the electorate rises above partisanship when they are offered positive, forceful leadership by one whose record stands for principle above party.

Your victory is heartening to millions throughout our country who feel that the election of Wendell Willkie is the first line of defense in the restoration and preservation of American Democracy.

With personal regards and best wishes,

Very sincerely,

W. P. Whitsett

September 4, 1940

Congressman Carl Hinshaw
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C.

Dear Congressman Hinshaw:

A widespread contact with directors of industry convinces me that they are not only willing but anxious to cooperate in the defense of the Nation.

We are assured of the greatest production for national defense by having the plants operated under the willing direction of those who have been successful in working out the myriad of problems that have been overcome in each successful plant.

A legislative provision along the lines of the Russell amendment will, in my opinion, result in disorganization, retardation of output, and increase in costs.

I feel that such experiments in government should not be attempted at this time and that such legislative proposal decisively should be defeated.

Yours very truly,

W. P. Whitsett

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COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

September 12, 1940

Mr. W. P. Whitsett,
Van Nuys, California.

My dear Mr. Whitsett:

Thank you for your message of congratulations. I am very happy to receive the vote of confidence of the people of California.

From the bottom of my heart I express to you my appreciation and thanks.

With my best wishes and fond personal regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Hiram W. Johnson

October 19, 1940

Senator Hiram Johnson
Senate Office Building
Washington, D. C.

Dear Senator Johnson:

Your appeal for No Third Term has just come over the air as a clarion call from our founding fathers and I am sure has stirred the heart of every loyal American who values the lessons history has taught.

The earnestness, sincerity and clarity of your message--made on that high plane above partisanship and purely patriotic--gives us new hope. Only such statesmanship as yours made our nation great--and only such sppeals as yours can preserve us through the present crisis.

Very sincerely,

W. P. Whitsett

December 4, 1940

Honorable Samuel B. Pettingill
Chairman, National Committee to Uphold
Constitutional Government
205 East 42nd Street
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Pettingill:

In reply to your letter of November 23, I am returning questionnaire - also an article of mine on Editorial page of Los Angeles Times, which speaks for itself.

I wish to assure you that I have no desire to form a new organization, but the tremendous response this article has brought from persons anxious to work IN A NON-PARTISAN group to preserve the Constitution makes me realize the necessity of co-ordination between such groups as yours and the Associated Willkie Clubs of America.

We must ALL get together and work effectively NOW.

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Very sincerely,

W. P. Whitsett

February 5, 1941

Mr. Leonard E. Read
General Manager
Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce
Los Angeles, California

Dear Mr. Read:

I appreciate very much receiving your wire of congratulation on my re-election as Chairman of the Board of Directors of The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California and for the good wishes which it expressed.

In return, I feel it only appropriate that I should tell you how much we have appreciated your cooperation and assistance, without which our task would have been much more difficult.

Yours very truly,

W. P. Whitsett

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February 5, 1941

Mr. Edwin B. Angier
Supervisor of Agricultural
Education
Board of Education
Los Angeles, California

Dear Mr. Angier:

Thank you for the congratulations expressed in your recent letter.

I endeavored to reach you by telephone today but you were not in. With regard to the planning of the model small farm home in the San Fernando Valley, I still feel confident that our efforts will not have proved in vain and that eventually an adequate demonstration unit will be provided.

Yours very truly,

W. P. Whitsett

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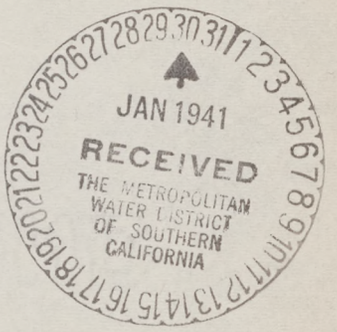
January 24, 1941




Mr. W. P. Whitsett, Chairman
Metropolitan Water Board
Van Nuys, California

Dear Mr. Whitsett:

Congratulations on your reappointment as chairman of the Metropolitan Water Board. The small farm owners of the south certainly appreciate your untiring efforts in this field.

I hope that it will be possible, in the near future, for us to meet and plan further a model small farm home which will meet the needs of the San Fernando Valley.

Very cordially yours,

Edwin B Angier

Edwin B. Angier
Supervisor of Agricultural
Education

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THE COMPANY WILL APPRECIATE SUGGESTIONS FROM ITS PATRONS CONCERNING ITS SERVICE



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W P WHITSETT

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THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

MAY I HAVE PLEASURE OF YOUR COMPANY WITH OTHER FRIENDS WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON THIS WEEK SUNSET ROOM CALIFORNIA CLUB INFORMALLY TO GREET HONORABLE SAMUEL B. PETTENGILL, LONG TIME FRIEND OF MINE, CONGRESSMAN MANY YEARS, AUTHOR OF COLUMN "THE GENTLEMAN FROM INDIANA" CHAIRMAN NATIONAL COMMITTEE UPHOLD CONSTITUTIONAL GOVERNMENT. RECEPTION FROM 4:30 TO 6 PM. AT 5:15 PROMPTLY MR. PETTENGILL WILL TALK FOR TWENTY MINUTES. REST OF TIME THERE WILL BE FREE INTER-CHANGE VIEWS SUBJECT WHAT PLAN SHOULD BE FORMULATED UPHOLD CONSTITUTIONAL GOVERNMENT FREE ENTERPRISE. NO SOLICITATION FUNDS. REFRESHMENTS SERVED. PLEASE RESPOND TELEPHONE TUCKER 7201

PAUL SHOUP

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Called and notified
W. P. in East.

THE QUICKEST, SUREST AND SAFEST WAY TO SEND MONEY IS BY TELEGRAPH OR CABLE

October 22, 1941

Mrs. Sarah McFall
833 West Ridge Road
Gary, Ind.

Dear Mrs. McFall:

I very much appreciated your note telling of the expected arrival of you son in Los Angeles and looked forward to seeing him. However, much to my regret I did not succeed in doing so. I inquired of the Federal offices here, the newspapers, and all of the transportation agencies but each one stated they had no information as to the scheduled arrival of the group, including your son. My conclusion was that the party had returned by some other route.

With sincerest regards to you and your family,

Very truly yours,

W. P. Whitsett

MERCHANTS AND MANUFACTURERS
INSURANCE COMPANY
OF
NEW YORK

McFALL AGENCY
833 WEST RIDGE ROAD
GARY, IND.

Oct.3-41

My Dear Mr Whitsett:

I see you too are still alive by the little Aquiduct News qhich comes to me and for which I am most grateful.

At this time I am writing to say that my big six-footer son will be in your city on the 7th. I am hopin g h e will get to see you. They just announced over radio that he and his party of Congressmen who have been on a two-months goodwill tour of South America arrived this morning in Mexico and that they plan t o be in Los Angeles on the 7th. 25,000 miles by air and visit ed 20 differen t countries was some trip and I'm glad they are really soon to be back in God's country. If you are interested, they will be at the Legation or Consulate or whatever it is you have there that looks after foreign affairs in this count ry, legation, consulate, or what have y ou?

Amc.

Since Mr. McFall's passing ,two years ago this month,I have been carrying on here at our old stand as it were.Just now I have the flu and am most miserable but I do want you and Jack to meet and greet for "old times sake.

Kindest regards to your family.

Sincerely

Sarah McFall

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To: Roy Milner

Confirming telephone conversation

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306 WEST THIRD ST LOSANGELES CALIF

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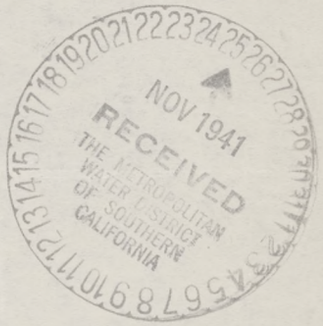

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EDWARD A. DICKSON
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THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

March 18, 1942.

Mr. W. P. Whitsett,
President, Metropolitan Water District,
306 W. 3rd Street,
Los Angeles, California.

Dear Mr. Whitsett:

A copy of the telegram to the Governor of the State urging my reappointment as a member of the Board of Regents of the University of California has been sent to me and I note that you were one of the five signers of that telegram.

Governor Olson has honored me by reappointment to the Board, and I am deeply appreciative of your interest in behalf of that reappointment. It carried with it an expression of friendship that I deeply appreciate.

Sincerely,

Edward A Dickson

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# THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT
## OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

306 WEST THIRD STREET
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

December 10, 1942

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Hon. Earl Warren
600 State Building
San Francisco, California

Dear Governor Warren:

The Building and Loan Associations of California, in two of which I hold the office of President, and their many thousands of depositors and investors are vitally interested and concerned with the manner in which the liquidation of the Pacific States Savings and Loan Company is conducted.

The Manager of the Real Estate Department of this Company for the past several years has been Mr. Harry L. Heffner.

A rumor is current that an effort is being made to displace Mr. Heffner in this important work. I sincerely hope that this is not true. Mr. Heffner is a native born Californian and has a knowledge of land values, the operation of real estate and of farming, in my opinion, not exceeded by anyone in this area.

I first became acquainted with his ability and knowledge about 14 years ago when we participated as Directors in the formation of the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California. For four or five years afterwards, until his personal affairs made it necessary for him to move elsewhere, he represented the City of San Marino. During that period I appointed him Chairman of the Land Committee of the District and it was under his direction that the policies and practices which have carried this tremendous project to a completion without, to my knowledge, a breath of scandal was inaugurated.

I am sure that my high opinion of Mr. Heffner would be confirmed by sound and practical business men and farmers throughout the State.

If the rumor I refer to is at all founded, I hope that you will take the time personally to investigate the merits of the situation. I have written this letter on the assumption that you are not acquainted with Mr. Heffner nor already familiar with his qualifications.

Sincere regards,

W. P. Whitsett

Jacksonville, Florida
December 22nd, 1942

Mr. Harry Chandler
Los Angeles, Times
Loa Angeles, California

Dear Mr. Chandler:

When we started the Development at Van Nuys back in 1911, I believed if only people living in the warm fertile valleys of California could have water they could always eat. Later we brought in the Owens River Aqueduct - and made water available under pressure to every fertile acre of land in the San Fernando Valley which had become a part of the city of Los Angeles. Then came a recurring dry period and the use of water was restricted for agricultural purposes. We then got the appropriation to build Hoover Dam to make more water available and went out and built the $200,000,000 Colorado Rive Aqueduct. That water and Power is now being used in making possible our great national defense program in Southern California and is abundantly available to protect us against recurring droughts.

One a week on Board meeting days I go without lunch and like a good broiled steak for dinner. Last week my butcher informed me he had no steak or meats of any kind - not even chicken. Think of Van Nuys, capital of the poultry industry out of chickens.

The following morning ~~for~~ at breakfast three different kinds of cereals, without cream, stared me in the face and I was informed if we had any eggs I could have had my customary breakfast of bacon and eggs, but we were out of bacon. Refusing the cereals and swigging down some hot cakes with ~~wet~~ sugarless coffee - while being cautioned to go lightly on the butter as they had to stand in line to get one quarter pound - ~~well~~, the only consolation I get for being fortunate enough to live in this land of plenty is from the statements of those recently returning from London - that we are better off than they are in England, - while the planners of our destiny still talk of feeding a hungry world!

Now, I don't mind going without - and I never have complained of any sacrifice that I could be persuaded was necessary. But all the new philosophies lately fostered upon us to "share the wealth" are so evidently in reality forcing us to "share poverty" that I just had to get off and try to think it out.

So I've joined my wife who is spending Christmas with her sick Mother in Florida. I've heard fish is good brain food. I know where to find the fish here in the south - where to dig for worms and how to bait a hook. All deep sea fishing, and sportsmens' angling is out for the duration. One has to show a birth certificate to rent a boat. But I've got to have some kind of nourishment - especially brain food - if I'm going to figure out why good American citizens must go without while we feed the Japs in our concentration camps on meat, eggs and butter and talk loudly about "feeding the world."

All the way across the country I've talked with soldiers and sailors drafted from the farms - many of whom told of aged parents, wives and children removed to cities to be liabilites to society - living meagerly on what their $50.00 allowance and ration cards would buy them - while comfortable farm houses were closed up, farm stock slaughtered and fields grown up in weeds for lack of an able bodied man to keep these potential "food-factories" and self-supporting homes operating.

In New Orleans, a young soldier joined by his wife and baby was distraught at being unable to buy milk for the baby's bottle. "And, I'm the last of five sons drafted from a good old Georgia farm where we always had plenty. Both my parents are over 70 and unable to live alon on the farm - it just isn't right!"

So, here, angling for my dinner with a bamboo fishing pole, I review recent events and can see clearly that the neglect of the farm in all our planned economy is a prime factor in our sudden transition from over-production to scarcity of basic foods.

During the ~~great~~ war ~~way~~ twenty five years ago, war gardens were planted all over the nation. In our San Fernando Valley, we had the children raising vegetables, chickens, rabbits and pigs and besides the popularity of garden-acre homes, many of our vacant city lots were put into production. Pig Clubs, 4-H Clubs, and similar organization encouraged our youth to employ their time out of school in food production.

Then came the boom of the twenties. Boys and girls gave up their chores and the movie thrillers and juke joints filled their time. Pigs were not nice any more. Money was so plentiful that manual work was despised by youth. Then the depression from which escape was made by the dole instead of by the time-tested method of hard work, practical planning and sacrifice. Is it any wonder our cities today are infested by juvenile gangsters who lacking contact with reality fed on false idealogies - find themselves suddenly confronted with the most brutal of realities - a world war of unprecendented porportions. Military discipline will end the misuse of idle hours. But what of the millions of teen-age boys and girls not old enough for military service but eager to take an active part in this great struggle for human freedom?

Why not enlist them in a nation-wide program for food production - food which is absolutely necessary for every individual on every line of defense - at home and abroad - for our civilians on the home front and our allies on other countries.

Let's awaken our youth to the simple facts that vegetables come from seeds planted in warm moist earth. That hogs, cows and chickens feed on vegetation grown from seeds - that hogs make bacon - cows make milk which we churn to butter and chickens lay eggs. In these farm products are contained all the vitamins of the alphabet, with which our school children are so familiar. Let's teach them that freedom begins with the ability to be self-sustaining and that every individual who ~~needs~~ works is contributing to the cause of Human Freedom. The world is hungry. It will be hungrier as the war goes on. The food-producer is the man behind the men behind the gun without which every phase of our gigantic defense of Freedom is doomed.

Los Angeles city can lead the cities of the Nation in garden-food production as Los Angeles leads the counties of the Nation in agricultural production. The San Fernando Valley is the place to prove it. We have always advocated one foot in the factory and one on the garden acre. The garden-acre home has converted this Valley from a vast barley field into a flourishing surburban community. Now, the factories have come and they are here to stay.

We must re-inoculate our citizens with the garden home idea if we are to fully realize that balance d economy for every home-owner in the Valley. The factories will furnish cash; the gardens will furnish the food cash cannot now buy - and supplement the family budget in years to come when cash is not so plentiful.

It seems to me you and I might render a real service to our National Defense Program by an active campaign to popularize War-Gardens right in our own county.

We will line up the city water department and put a practical planting plan into every home with the water bills each month. Have practical gardening taught in the schools, tying in with our State Agricultural Department through our Chamber of Commerce.

The time to start this is NOW and I will do all in my power to help. As soon as the war is over and home building material again availabe, our realtors and builders will put a family on every garden acre in Southern California which is provided with water for irrigation. Tens of thousands will move from the congested defense settlements once tires and gasoline are unrestricted.

Lest you may have forgotten, I am eclosing three reprints from your Los Angeles Times - picked at random from my files.

I have been so deeply impressed by the actual food shortage as I crossed the continent this past week, that I feel it my duty to do something about it. Famine may be inevitable in over-crowded countries. But a food shortage in this great country - where millions of acres better off than our English cousins is poor comfort. We should, with proper consideration of farm man-power and the manufacture of necessary farm machinery feed all our allies and have plenty for home consumption.

A hungry world is a dangerous world to live in - and no amount of philosphy can substitute for bread and butter.

Yours for action.

Sincerely,

W. P. Whitsett
2331 River Boulevard
Jacksonville, Florida

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BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS

403 Municipal Utilities Building

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306 West Third Street
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A. H. ALLEN

614 So. McClay St.

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It seems that Union leaders, contrary publicity notwithstanding, are using their influence to place this Mexican National labor in industry and construction, where it can be unionized, instead of to the farms, where it was originally intended.

The request to the Metropolitan Water District Board, by the construction company, authorized to construct the Orange County feeder to the coast cities, to use aliens, is an example of what is transpiring.

Only a limited amount of Mexican Nationals are available, and if these are not allocated to the farm, where they can be frozen to the job, how can we produce the essential products necessary to our well-being, with half the available man-power we had last year, and less work hours per man, due to higher wages and mental attitude.

Thanks for your article.

Very sincerely,

A. H. ALLEN

PHONE 4957

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It seems that Union leaders, contrary publicity notwithstanding, are using their influence to place this Mexican National labor in industry and construction, where it can be unionized, instead of to the farms, where it was originally intended.

The request to the Metropolitan Water District Board, by the construction company, authorized to construct the Orange County feeder to the coast cities, to use aliens, is an example of what is transpiring.

Only a limited amount of Mexican Nationals are available, and if these are not allocated to the farm, where they can be frozen to the job, how can we produce the essential products necessary to our well-being, with half the available man-power we had last year, and less work hours per man, due to higher wages and mental attitude.

Thanks for your article.

Very sincerely,

A. H. Allen

A. H. Allen

March 31, 1943

Mr. Leonard Read
General Manager
Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce
Los Angeles, California

Dear Mr. Reed:

Late last fall while in Florida I wrote one of our local editors who has been a life-long friend a letter containing my observations with regard to the importance of a nation-wide Victory Garden Program.

The Los Angeles Times took the matter up with customary energy and subsequently Mr. Mendenhall of the Van Nuys News published the substance of my observations in an article entitled, "Hungry World is Dangerous World." I mailed out a number of reprints, one of which you probably received. Accordingly, I am enclosing you a copy of a letter I received from Mr. Walter M. Brown of the Long Beach Water Department and another from Mr. A. H. Allen, one of the leaders of Orange County who is also a member of the Board of Directors of the District.

Sincere regards,

W. P. Whitsett

March 31, 1943

Mr. A. H. Allen
614 South McClay Street
Santa Ana, California

Dear Mr. Allen:

Thank you for your endorsement of the views expressed in the clipping sent you of the Van Nuys News.

While in Florida before Christmas I wrote one of the Los Angeles Publishers, whom I have known a great many years, giving him my views on the necessity for an intensive Home Garden Program in order to produce the food required under the conditions of the current war.

Probably as a result the Los Angeles Times inaugurated a Victory Garden Campaign and subsequently my letter became the basis of the article in the Van Nuys News.

The situation you point out as existing in Orange County confirms with variations that which I found throughout the South and East. Because of the high quality of leadership in Orange County I am confident that a proper solution will be found of the problem. I fear that elsewhere we will experience a great deal more difficulty.

I am enclosing you a copy of a letter which I received from Mr. Brown from the Long Beach Water Department which indicates the obstacles which confront the Victory Garden Program in the municipal areas.

Thank you again for the information with regard to the local problem.

Sincere regards,

W. P. Whitsett

March 31, 1943

Mr. Walter M. Brown
Office Engineer,
Board of Water Commissioners,
308 Municipal Utilities Building
Long Beach, California

Dear Mr. Brown:

I very much appreciate receiving your excellent and comprehensive analysis of the difficulties of expanding the Victory Garden Program in your community because of restricted governmental regulations.

Steps should be taken at once to correct the situation in the interests of the war effort.

Assuming you have no objection, I am teking the liberty of referring your letter to some of our leaders who may not be completely informed as to the situation.

Sincere regards,

W. P. Whitsett

March 31, 1943

Mr. Harry Chandler
The Los Angeles Times
Los Angeles, California

Dear Mr. Chandler:

Supplementing the letter which I wrote to you from Florida before Christmas giving my observations on the national food situation and the importance of a Victory Garden Program, I am sending you two letters which I believe you will find interesting.

One is from Mr. Walter M. Brown of the Long Beach Water Department and the other is from Mr. A. H. Allen of Orange County.

Both of these communications reveal obstacles which must be overcome if this nation is to produce the food required for the successful conclusion of the war.

Sincere regards,

W. P. Whitsett

March 31, 1943

Mr. Manchester Boddy
Publisher, Daily News
1257 South Los Angeles Street
Los Angeles, California

Dear Mr. Boddy:

I believe you received some time ago a reprint from the Van Nuys News entitled, "Hungry World is Dangerous World", which contained the substance of observations I made while in Florida late last fall with regard to the national food situation.

Since the publication of the article I have received two letters which I think you will find particularly interesting. One is from Mr. Brown of the Long Beach Water Department and reveals rather strikingly some of the difficulties confronting the Victory Garden Program in municipal areas. The other is from Mr. A. H. Allen, a leader in Orange County, reporting some of the problems which the rural areas are facing.

I want to congratulate you for the very effective work you are doing in fostering the widespread cultivation of the Victory Garden.

Sincere regards,

W. P. Whitsett

MAXWELL BOND

# BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS

403 Municipal Utilities Building
LONG BEACH, CALIFORNIA

April 3, 1943

Mr. W. P. Whitsett
Van Nuys, California

Re: Water Services for
Victory Gardens

Dear Mr. Whitsett:

I have your letter of March 31, in reply to mine of March 15, and feel that you will be interested in the further developments that have occurred since I wrote you before.

On March 17, I sent a lengthy night letter to J. A. Krug, Director, Office of War Utilities, Washington, D. C., explaining that the City of Long Beach was promoting a victory garden program on vacant land, through the registration of applicants and the formation of garden clubs; that for a small fee the city was arranging to plow the land, furnish seed, supervision and special water rates, etc., but that it found its efforts stymied through our inability to supply water connections. I also reported that many gardens had already been planted and would be a total loss unless water could be furnished. I stated that as of that date we had applications from the Recreation Department for 58 temporary 3/4-inch water connections, and reported the amount of pipe needed, the total value of materials, and the weights of critical materials required to complete these installations. I ended by applying for authorization to install the 58 connections, with the understanding that we had all the necessary material on hand and that it would all be subject to salvage and re-use whenever the gardens were discontinued.

As a final precaution, I sent a copy of this telegram to Congressman Ward Johnson by air mail. Under date of March 20, we received a night letter from Mr. Krug's office, signed by Newton B. Lyle, approving the installation of the 58 temporary connections. I had referred to previous correspondence in my telegram to Mr. Krug's office, including our letter application on January 12 for authorization to install a single permanent service for a Mr. Olson, and since receipt of the telegram of March 20, we have received <u>two</u> letters from Mr. Lyle, approving the Olson installation.

I hope, therefore, that we have broken the bottleneck that threatened to nullify all efforts to promote victory gardens in Long Beach. Last night, we airmailed applications for 75 additional temporary 3/4-inch services and 2 - 1½-inch, the latter requiring the laying of 550 feet of a temporary 2-inch line from salvaged material to supply a couple of unusually large gardens for especially large clubs - about 70 families in each. These 77 applications are estimated to provide garden water for about 600 families. I again took the precaution of sending copies of these communications to Congressman Ward Johnson.

In the meantime, I have been making application by letter for individual permanent services for people who desire to raise gardens on their own vacant lots without going through the Recreation Commission; and I probably have 12 or 15 such applications in Washington or en route there at the present moment. If these pending applications receive favorable consideration, I'll feel that the situation has been licked, after a fashion, although I have heard nothing further concerning the supplement to P-46 (now U-1) which was to provide a definite method of procedure in these garden cases. I still feel, however, that the country is entitled to an order that will delegate authority to the local branches of WPB to process such applications and eliminate the waste of time involved in sending them back to Washington.

You are welcome to use this correspondence wherever you think it may do some good.

With best wishes, we remain

Yours very truly,

LONG BEACH WATER DEPARTMENT
G. R. Wade, General Manager

Walter M. Brown

Walter M. Brown, Office Engineer

P.S. I was delayed in getting this letter into the mail and in the meantime we have received copy of supplementary utilities order U1-e which permits water utilities, subject to certain restrictions (the principal ones of which are, that no such extensions shall be made for less than 5,000 square feet of land devoted to production of edible crops, and that no more than 5 feet of pipe shall be used for each 500 square feet of cultivated land), to install services for Victory Gardens without having to file any application whatsoever. I feel, therefore, that we have been much more successful in our efforts than we dared to hope for.

W.M.B.

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THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

W. P. Whitsett, Chr. of the Board
Metropolitan Water Dist. of So. Calif.
306 West 3rd Street
Los Angeles, California

Dear Mr. Whitsett:

From time to time programs of urgent interest to the leaders of our community are broadcast by the Columbia Broadcasting System over KNX, its outlet for Los Angeles and Southern California. Unfortunately the very people to whom such programs are apt to be most important are often so occupied as to fail to note and take the time to hear them.

Therefore, as a service to a few of our outstanding community leaders, we are going to take the liberty of sending postcard notification like the enclosed whenever a program of significant interest to them is to be broadcast. The postcard form is used so it can be conveniently slipped in the pocket as a reminder to listen at the right time.

If this service appeals to you will you please tell your secretary to bring future postcard notices to your attention. And should you know anyone else who you would like to receive this service we will be glad if you will send us his or her name and address.

Your comment will be deeply appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

D. W. Thornburgh

41 C. South Temple St.

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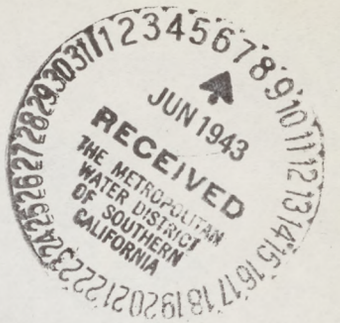


June 4, 1943

Mr. W.P. Whitsett, Chairman
Metropolitan Water District of Southern California
306 West 3rd Street
Los Angeles, California

Dear Mr. Chairman:

I have just received a copy of the "Report For the Fiscal Year, July 1, 1941 - June 30, 1942" of the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California.

I have looked long and repeatedly into your fine face as it appears as the frontespiece of this volume. Even in this picture I see that fire in your eye that flashed as you talked to me many times concerning the magnitude and importance of providing Southern California with a water supply amounting to 1500 cubic feet per second.

I saw in your face and countenance then and I see in your picture now that same fire and determination that knows no defeat.

I have told you several times before that you chose wisely when you selected Frank Weymouth as your General Manager and Chief Engineer, and you chose equally wisely when you selected as his successor Mr. Julian Hinds.

To you and to your associates and to all who have had to do with this mighty undertaking, its construction and its management, I desire again to extend my conpliments and congratulations. In the speed, thoroughness and upright way in which all things connected with this great undertaking have been done you and your associates have manifested that spirit of America which exists under "the only flag in all the world that has never known defeat." You are real Americans. You have gone forward with confidence. You have reached the most glorious victory. Fortunate indeed is the Metropolitan Water District and fortunate is our own whole country to have in it men of the vision, determination, fortitude and leadership to go forward and reach such glorious accomplishment.

Again I congratulate you and your associates and wish you continued success.

Faithfully yours,

Richard R. Lyman

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June 22, 1943

Mr. Don Thomas, Managing Director
All Year Club of Southern California, Ltd.
629 South Hill Street
Los Angeles, California

Dear Don:

This is in reply to your letter of the 28th which should have been answered sooner, but for my having been out of the City.

A number of hearsay cases have come to my attention of lost production and material wastage and money wastage due to the way the war effort is being carried on, but it is very hard to cite specific cases.

In crossing the continent I found the railways crowded with service men and from their statements they seem to be shot around all over the country regardless of purpose.

I recall one specific case in our valley. The Delfonti Dairy near Van Nuys sold their dairy herd some time ago on account of their help being drawn into the services and into industry. Both Mr. and Mrs. Delfonti are advanced in years but have for a great many years conducted a very large and successful dairy and their experience in this line of work is invaluable, but they couldn't carry on without competent help. Consequently, the dairy stock had to be sold.

I hope to see you soon.

Sincere regards,

W. P. Whitsett

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July 9, 1943

Mr. W. P. Whitsett, Chairman
Metropolitan Water District,
306 West Third Street,
Los Angeles, California.

My dear Mr. Whitsett:

I received yesterday a copy of your 1942 Metropolitan Water District report. I read it through at the house last night, and want to compliment you and your associates, not only on the magnificent job which has been done but also in keeping before us the highlights of the operation. It enables us to intelligently help in interpreting it to others.

Best personal regards,

DON THOMAS

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14 Mayors of District cities, including Laguna Beach. (Omitted last paragraph)

1 to S. A. Temple, 412 W. 6th Street, L.A. (at Mr. Gram's request)

Zone 13
July 13, 1943

Mr. Frank P. Doherty,
Room 517 - 433 South Spring Street,
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Very truly yours,

W. P. Whitsett

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July 15, 1943

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Los Angeles, California.

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Mr. W. P. Whitsett
President
The Metropolitan Water District
of Southern California
303 West 3rd Street
Los Angeles 13, California.

Dear Mr. Whitsett:

The information relating to the prospective water shortage in some areas mentioned in your letter of July 13th is very interesting indeed. We were fortunate in the foresight which prevented a shortage here.

I am also grateful for the 4th Annual Report, which will go in my permanent reference file.

With all good wishes.

Very truly yours,

James L. Beebe

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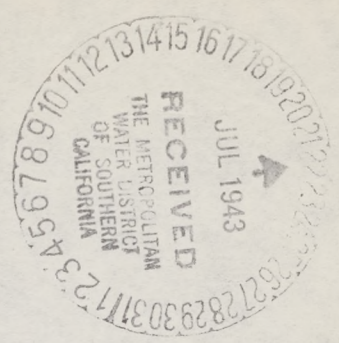


Mr. W. P. Whitsett, Chairman
Metropolitan Water District
of Southern California
306 West Third Street
Los Angeles, California (13)

Dear Mr. Whitsett:

Thanks for your very informative letter of the 13th, relative to the water supply problems.

I don't suppose that the citizens of this community ever will realize the great service that men like yourself have rendered them in the development of the best water supply system in the United States. There would be very little war work in this area but for the splendid water system which you and your associates have fathered and developed.

Thanks for keeping me on your mailing list.

With kindest personal regards,

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Watt L. Moreland

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Box 831
Pasadena 19, Calif.
July 21, 1943

Mr. W. H. Whissett
Metropolitan Water District
306 W. 3rd Street
Los Angeles 13, California

My dear Mr. Whissett:

Thank you very much for your letter of July 15th, and for the enclosure.

I have long been appreciative of your efforts in supplying sufficient water for Southern California's needs, and I am very happy that our city is a member of the Metropolitan Water District, and I am appreciative of the efforts of the Metropolitan Board of Directors.

As chairman you have made a major contribution to the welfare of Southern California; now we have an abundant supply of water which all of our citizens should be grateful for.

Sincerely yours,

A. I. Stewart

A. I. STEWART
Field Director for
Willard W. Keith

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# THE PLACE OF GARDEN-ACRE HOME CONSTRUCTION IN THE POST-WAR PROGRAM

BY W. P. WHITSETT

OCTOBER 15, 1943

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2. These home places when completed should average $8,000 or a total expenditure of $400,000,000.
3. Most all of this money will flow to labor and through the regular established channels of business and will represent sound economic and social expenditure.
4. To the City of Los Angeles it will add approximately $200,000,000 of assessed valuation and at the current tax rate, an increase in the annual tax income of $11,000,000.
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regarded as intolerable under peace time standards. Hotels and apartment houses are crowded. Two or more families are sharing the same accommodations, and shacks and trailers are being utilized with the poorest of sanitary accommodations, dangerous to the people themselves and to the welfare of the community. Most of them will want to stay here. Many of them will have accumulated savings and will be in the market for homes.

In addition to these newcomers there will exist a migratory trend towards Southern California, from the balance of the Nation, greater than has ever existed heretofore. The uprooting of families from their old ties and the breaking up of homes, and family connections has been the greatest in the history of the Country. This great fluent mass of population is going to look for a new abode in which to make a fresh start. The well known appeal of Southern California is going to direct their attention this way.

There will also be the great mass of returning soldiers. Many of the thousands who have been trained in this area are going to come back. One need only to talk to the soldiers of their post-war plans to assure himself of the reality of this trend.

There is another important factor which is going to result in an increased flow of population to Southern California. A great many people who have been retired have gone back to work in the interest of the national war effort. Nearly all of these will return to their retirement status at the first moment their services are not required. In addition there will

be many whose retirement with pensions has been delayed becuase of the war. The National Social Security program will become increasingly more operative and large numbers will be eligible for retirement at the conclusion of the war. These people having some savings and an assured income are going to seek a congenial environment in which to spend the balance of their alloted years. War conditions have made most of them space and food conscious and they will seek the spiritual and physical comfort of the garden-home life for which Southern California is so widely famous.

All of these forces, and others, will direct a tremendous volume of people towards this area for whom accommodations will have to be made. Consequently, there will be generated in this area, immediately after the war, a tremendous demand for homes and furnishings together with the required utilities and public services involving enormous demands for labor, services and material. This vast construction program could in itself be great enough and endure long enough to take up the slack caused by the shutting down of production for war.

I have made an intensive study of this situation as it will affect that portion of Southern California with which I am most intimately familiar, the San Fernando Valley. As I visualize the situation, there will be a demand, in the San Fernando Valley, for possibly 50,000 such home sites. By home sites, we mean out there, a plot of ground large enough for a comfortable home and sufficient additional area for raising, if desired or necessary, a large part of the family

food requirements of vegetables, chickens, eggs, rabbits, etc.

On the average 10,000 of these homes should be built each year during the 5 year period following the end of the war. It is estimated that the average value of these home sites when fully developed will be about $8,000 and will have an assessed valuation of approximately $4,000 each. This will represent an increase in the assessed valuation of the city of about $40,000,000 a year for each of the 5 years, and an increased tax yield, at current rates, of about $2,200,000 a year or a total annual increased tax income at the end of the period of $11,000,000.

The average cost of utility services for such a home site is about $7 per month which, upon construction of 50,000 homes, would represent additional income to those providing these services of $4,200,000 a year.

The value of the labor going into the construction of these home places at the rate of 10,000 of them a year, would be about $50,000,000 annually, including that going directly into the buildings and that indirectly going into the materials of which it is comprised, practically all of which will be manufactured in Southern California. The area of which I speak, the San Fernando Valley, is particularly adapted to the immediate starting of such a construction program because, for the most part, streets, sewers, water and electric and telephone lines are already installed.

A simplification of the combination water rate which now exists is an imperative need in furthering the program and

should be worked out at the proper time. Also a proper direction of the development by the City Planning Commission is essential.

I want to remind you that I am only citing the situation which will exist in the area with which I am particularly familiar. That is, the San Fernando Valley. When we apply this situation to the whole of the Coastal Plain of Southern California the potential construction program becomes tremendously large. The 5 year period I have described will result in a building program, in the San Fernando Valley alone, of almost twice that represented by the construction of the Colorado River Aqueduct, which did so much to provide employment and furnish sound business during the most serious years of the depression.

The great advantage of this program is that it can and will be started almost automatically as soon as the war ends. While industry is readjusting itself to the new conditions this work will be going on. It will be sound, social investment in the kind of America we all want to live in and not a prodigal expenditure of money for the purpose of providing employment. We will, in effect, be living off our own growth, while developing the sound and integrated social and economic system which is inevitably the destiny of this area.

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The trend towards a shorter work week will provide more time for the cultivation of their family food requirements and will result in a higher standard of living than would otherwise be the case. Recent developments in deep freezing and food dehydration are admirably adapted to the conserving of the seasonal produce for consumption throughout the year.

This type of living will be an asset to the community and the nation by developing a high type of citizen and a wholesome family environment.

Zone 13

January 17, 1944

Miss Agnes B. Freeman
Secretary to the City Planning Commission
Room 361, City Hall
Los Angeles, California

Dear Miss Freeman:

In accordance with our conversation last Friday, I am sending you herewith for your files a copy of the study entitled, "The Place of Garden-Acre Home Construction in the Post-War Program," presented by Mr. Whitsett at the Meeting of the City of Los Angeles Coordinating Board.

Yours very truly,

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A. L. Gram

Zone 13

January 7, 1944

Mr. Charles B. Bennett, Director
Los Angeles City Planning Commission
Room 361, City Hall
Los Angeles, California

Dear Mr. Bennett:

I am sending you 6 copies of my study on "The Place of Garden-Acre Home Construction in the Post-War Program" which I presented at the Mayor's Post-War Planning Conference. It occurs to me that the members of the Planning Commission might be interested in the information it contains.

I am also sending you 6 copies of the Colorado River Aqueduct News, issued under date of December 31, 1943. This contains, on the front page, a map showing the location of the distribution system of the Colorado River Aqueduct in relation to the major industries of this area.

Since an adequate water supply is a primary essential of practically all industrial establishments, the location of the major water distribution system will be an important factor in fixing the ultimate pattern of our industrial development.

From the resources at your disposal, similar charts could be prepared showing the other utility services, such as gas, electricity and the railroads. By this means a composite picture of Southern California's industrial development could be clearly indicated.

I believe you and your commission will find this data of interest and would very much like to receive any comments you may care to make.

Yours very truly,

W. P. Whitsett

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SENT TO:

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February 4, 1944

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Mr. V. Kersey, General Superintendent
Los Angeles City Schools
707 Chamber of Commerce Building
1151 South Broadway
Los Angeles, California

Dear Mr. Kersey:

Your letter of January 27th is sincerely appreciated, and I assure you that no single project among the many recent developments in and around Los Angeles has brought me such deep satisfaction as the news of the Agricultural School to be established in the San Fernando Valley.

We are living in an age of scientific development - yet agriculture, the mother science and industry of the ages is often neglected in the training of our youth. This may be excusable in some of our great, crowded cities; but here in Los Angeles - where the climate permits year-around growing of a variety of crops - where we have room a-plenty for garden-acre homes - with exceptionally fertile soil and an abundant, controlled water supply, we certainly have ideal conditions for an agricultural school in which our youth can be trained in this basic science, with the most encouraging results.

Experience and observation have taught me that those who learn to love the soil and are familiar with the immutable laws of life and growth develop a stability of character far beyond those whose knowledge is theoretical.

In the practice of agriculture - on however large or small a scale - man becomes a co-creator with his God and thus instinctively develops the spiritual side of his nature with an inner satisfaction proportionate to his knowledge and skill. I firmly believe that some first hand knowledge of man's dependence upon the land is fundamental to

that true sense of values which is the essence of education.

I understand you are to have classes for the instruction of adults as well as youth. Let me congratulate you on your vision and foresight in the steps you have taken toward broadening the opportunities for the citizens of Los Angeles, young and old, in this direction; and assure you that I shall follow the development of this school with deepest interest.

Very sincerely,

W. P. Whitsett

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Zone 13

March 1, 1944

Mr. Northcutt Ely
American Security Bank Building
Washington, 5, D. C.

Dear Mr. Ely:

Your thoughtfulness in sending me the beautifully framed picture of the San Fernando Valley and Mission is deeply appreciated.

On Washington's Birthday, our local Chamber of Commerce had quite a celebration of the 33rd anniversary of the founding of the town of Van Nuys - featuring at their dinner an exhibit of pictures contrasting "Then and Now." For this occasion, I loaned with pride, your recent gift - the picture being quite the most interesting one there.

I have the picture back and Mrs. Whitsett has it in front of my desk in our sun parlor where it is a constant reminder of the miracles wrought in this country by bringing in water.

Thank you, and Mrs. Whitsett joins me in best wishes for you and the family.

Very sincerely,

W. P. Whitsett

PHILIP M. FAIRBANKS

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THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

March 4, 1944

Personal

Mr. W. P. Whitsett,
Metropolitan Water District
of Southern California,
306 West Third Street,
Los Angeles, California.

Dear Mr. Whitsett:

When I checked the little engraving of the mission at San Fernando, in the checkroom at the Biltmore, they had me leave the check at the mail desk. I put it in an envelope addressed to you. I hope that when you called for it at the checkroom, they directed you properly to pick up the check itself at the mail desk.

This print is from a work published in 1853, a report of the Williamson Expedition, which surveyed various routes for a railroad to the Pacific Coast. It shows your mission as it looked at that time.

My kindest regards to your gracious wife, and to yourself,

Cordially,

Northcutt Ely

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Zone 13

September 29, 1944

Mr. Norman Chandler
President and General Manager
Los Angeles Times
First and Spring Streets
Los Angeles, California

Dear Norman:

While away at my son's cattle ranch in the mountains back of King City, I read with deep regret of your father's passing.

Having known and admired your father since I first came to California in 1904, I feel a deep sense of personal loss - at the same time realizing that Southern California has lost one of its most constructive and progressive citizens - one whose name will ever be synonomous with the highest type of development.

In extending you my condolence, let me say that I know the satisfaction he had in having you so ably take over his work. To have one's son, a worthy successor, is the greatest blessing a father can have. This will always give you comfort.

With deep sympathy and wishing you continued success in carrying on his fine work, I am

Very sincerely,

W. P. Whitsett

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NEW ORLEANS 12. LA. Oct. 17, 1944.

IN YOUR REPLY REFER TO DATE AND FILE NO. A-

PERSONAL

Mr. W. P. Whitsett,
6711 Van Nuys Blvd.,
Van Nuys, California.

Dear Cousin Paul:

I had particular occasion to think of you the other evening and I want to tell you about the occasion, although please don't ever quote me on it.

Ambassador Messersmith passed through New Orleans and was given a small stag dinner at Antoine's, which I attended, and he made some off-the-record comments. He spoke of our improved relationship with Mexico, providing for the settlement of the Agrarian claim, petroleum claims, and most important of all, the matter of water rights, which would give Mexico water from the Colorado River. Of course, I sat up and listened close when he touched on that subject. He said that everyone of the states involved had consented to the proposed treaty with the exception of one recalcitrant, California. He said that the people of California were being very obstinant about the matter (of course, I knew who the obstinant one was, and I was all for him). But he added that he could assure us that just as soon as the elections were over that this treaty was going to be approved and put into effect. He said California was too important a state right now to press the matter, and he said that with a chuckle.

I was surprised to hear that the other states had approved this treaty. Does it not mean as much to them as it does to California?

Please don't quote me on this, also please don't quote this information as coming from Ambassador Messersmith's talk in New Orleans. As stated above, it was an off-the-record talk and I was a guest at the dinner and I don't want to be in the position of putting him in an embarrassing spot. Anyway, this is probably not any news to you.

We are getting along fine except that we have had a lot of house trouble recently. We had to give up our apartment be-

cause the owner wanted to move in himself. We hunted around for a house to rent, but without any luck whatsoever, and finally we bought a house. Our new address is 1440 Audubon Street, the same telephone number as previously listed in the directory. We like our new place quite well.

We have a young friend here who is a Naval officer and who we think a lot of. He is just back from two years in the Pacific. His home is in Los Angeles. His name is Paul Westervelt. He says he knows of you and that probably you know his father.

Please extend to Cousin Ida our kindest regards and the same for your own good self. I hope we will get to see you this Fall in New Orleans?

Sincerely yours,

Gavin

SAMUEL B. MORRIS
GENERAL MANAGER
AND CHIEF ENGINEER

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AUDITOR

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BOX 3669 TERMINAL ANNEX
LOS ANGELES, 54
MICHIGAN 4211

October 17 - 1944

Mr A L Gram
Executive Secretary
The Metropolitan Water District
306 West Third Street
LOS ANGELES 13
California

Dear Mr. Gram:

Many thanks for your letter of October 13 enclosing Mr. Whitsett's paper, "The Place of Garden-Acre Home Construction in the Post-War Program." I have read this statement with interest, and please congratulate Mr. Whitsett on his continued forward looking plans. If these were Old Testament days we would list Mr. Whitsett as one of the Major Prophets.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Samuel B Morris

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SAMUEL B MORRIS
General Manager & Chief Engineer

Zone 13

October 27, 1944

Mr. W. G. Whitsett
1440 Audubon Street
New Orleans, Louisiana

Dear Cousin Gavin:

The information contained in your last letter is very timely and exceedingly valuable to us.

One of my greatest concerns in this Treaty matter has been that, in spite of assurances we have received, action on the Treaty might be railroaded through suddenly before we had an opportunity to marshal all of our forces.

You can rest assured that the information will be used most discretely.

Since our last conversation, the State of Nevada has taken action endorsing the California position.

While to an outsider it appears strange that there should not be a united front among the States of the Colorado River Basin, an understanding of the internal situation makes the situation more logical. There should be harmony in this matter between Arizona, California and Nevada, but rightly or wrongly the four Upper Basin States feel that their interests would be better protected by ratification of the Treaty, regardless of how adversely it may affect the interests of California.

This, however, is a very complex subject. Needless to say, we are doing everything possible to induce all of the States involved to see that their ultimate interests lie in the support of California's position.

We are pleased to learn of your success in obtaining a house. Under the present situation, I can appreciate that you must have undergone a trying period of upset.

Ida and I extend our best wishes to you, and hope, as you suggest, we may have the opportunity of seeing you in the not too distant future.

Sincere regards,

W. P. Whitsett

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Zone 13

November 1, 1944

Governor John W. Martin
Atlantic National Bank Annex
Jacksonville, Florida

Dear John:

Last week I had the pleasure of a long and interesting visit with your friend, Senator Brewster, who has been in Southern California on official business.

He was very sympathetic and understanding of the opposition of California to the pending Treaty with Mexico and the consequences to the Nation of removing forever from the control of Congress all matters relating to the waters of the international streams on our southern border. He fully appreciates that the principles involved are inconsistent with representative democratic government and I feel sure we can depend on his support when the issue comes to a hearing.

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Michigan

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Dexter
Maine

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JOHN W. MARTIN
ATLANTIC NATIONAL BANK ANNEX
JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA

November 23, 1944.

AIR MAIL

Mr. W. P. Whitsett,
The Metropolitan Water District,
306 West Third Street,
Los Angeles 13, California.

Dear Paul:

I thank you for your nice letter, of November 1st, and I am certainly happy to know that Senator Brewster has been of some service to you. You will find him a high-class, fine man. I also hope that you can get the water business straight, as it was an outrage the way the Government is going to do your people in Southern California. However, California people seem to like it, as I see they gave Roosevelt an overwhelming vote. This State gave Dewey more than 145,000 without any effort here.

Lottie and I also want to thank you and Ida for the nuts. They are delightful, and we have enjoyed them immensely.

The hunting season has started, and I have been out once with Mr. Cheek and expect to go tonight again in Suwannee County. Do wish you were with me; I am sure you would enjoy it. However, we have had so little cold, I do not expect it to be any too good.

Please give our love to Ida and keep a lot for yourself, and believe me to be,

Always yours sincerely,

JWM/rew John W. Martin.

Zone 13

January 3, 1945

Mr. Will Hays, President
Motion Picture Producers & Distributors
of America, Inc.
Hollywood, California

Dear Will:

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W. P. Whitesell

Sunday, Jan. 28, 1945

Mr. A. L. Gram
Metropolitan Water District
Los Angeles, Cal.

Dear Gram:

The bad cold contracted soon after arriving here has kept me working under a handicap - with little time or energy to reply to your very helpful and much appreciated letters.

Dir. Tillson's contact with Lockheed can be very helpful. Please have him follow through to get us directly in touch with Lockheed organization here as soon as possible. The "defense angle" is especially important to work on.

Am checking on Grand Junction Chamber of Commerce letter. Please airmail another copy to Hinds - will mail reply as soon as prepared.

Glad you kept after Boddy for the telegram to Senator Pepper, with whom I had a very satisfactory conference last Monday. I took him copies of Claypoole articles - a number of letters from mutual friends in Florida, the letter from Judge Pierson Hall and other letters from Los Angeles. Our office here tried in vain to get him and I finally made appointment by calling his home last Sunday. While we can hardly expect him to go along with us, I feel sure his usual vitrolic attack will be modified when the treaty comes to the Senate Floor. His oratorical appeal is something to be reckoned with on Capitol Hill! So far, he has taken no part in the Committee hearings.

Emme and I have just about finished up on the 26 letters written by Paul Shoup - having very satisfactory Conferences with as many Senators. Please tell Pontius how much we appreciate his work in securing these very effective letters.

Another very important thing has been accomplished thru the prompt cooperation of Paul Shoup. The Washington Post, considered the most influential paper here - because of the number of Associated Press dispatches it puts thru was not giving the Treaty <u>any</u> publicity. Hewes suggested that I call Paul Shoup to see if he could establish a contact for us with Eugene Myer- Editor of the Post. I got Shoup on the phone when I came in late Monday afternoon and he said he would call Myers immediately. I had just gotten in bed early to nurse my cold which had been aggrevated by a long and strenuous day, when my phone rang. It was Mr. Myers saying Shoup had called him and he would wait at his office to see me. I called Don Kinsey to meet me at Meyers Office - got up and dressed in nothing flat and was off as soon as I

could get a taxi. Don and I told our story and Myers put a man on to cover the Treaty hearings w ith the result we have had very fine space in the Post with Associated Press reports "slanted" in our favor.

Received the Will Hayes letter you sent and will follow his suggestion at first opportunity.

Had especially warm receptions from Senators George and Russel of Georgia, presenting letters from Mrs. Whitsett's long-time friend, Mrs. Julian Y. Talmadge of Athens, who visited us in Los Angeles and is now here as President General of the National Society, D.A.R.

Please thank Greer for sending me copy of his telegram to Senator Johnson.

The Senator, (Johnson), has set aside an office near his in the Capitol, where we have headquarters and a secretary. The Senator's very capable and experienced Secretary, Miss Conners, is at our service and is a wonderful help.

We feel both our Senators are putting forth their very best efforts in our behalf.

The Inauguration, followed by the Jones-Wallace hearings, have made the last ten days difficult for securing conferences with Senators. Despite this, Emme and I have seen at least one or two every day; and, on Friday (26th) due to an accumulation of deferred appointments, we saw six, the last being Senator Harry Byrd.

I tell Emme, he is a regular blood-hound, when it comes to "tracking them down" and my tongue has been hanging out all week keeping up with him. But personal interviews seem so important that I've only had time to drop in on the hearings twice.

Tom Connally, Chairman of Foreign Relations Committee is driving to get Committee hearings over and Treaty before Senate. We are trying to keep hearings going until Governor Warren arrives to appear for California. We hope this will be Feb. 1st. Connally served notice for Cal. to be ready to go on Monday - tomorrow.

Editorial in L. A. Times is a great disappointment. Hope Board members can devise some way to get Times to come out firmly against treaty - Put pressure on thru big advertisers!

We are up against a terrific fight and must have all help possible from every available source. Rush here makes it necessary to defer expressions of appreciation until later. Best wishes and keep up the good work.

Sincerely,

(W. P. WHITSETT)
W. P. Whitsett

ALBERT W. HAWKES
NEW JERSEY

# United States Senate

WASHINGTON, D. C.

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SECRETARY

February 8, 1945

Mr. W. P. Whitsett,
Shoreham Hotel,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Whitsett:

Mrs. Hawkes and I are giving an informal cocktail party in honor of our daughter, Mrs. Morgan Padelford, of Pasadena, California, at the Carlton Room, Carlton Hotel, on Thursday, February 15, from five-thirty to seven-thirty.

There will be a majority of the United States Senators and their wives there, and a number of other officials, and I assure you if you and Mrs. Whitsett would like to join us we would be delighted to have you.

I did not know you were expecting to be here that long, but it now looks as though your hearings will drag out and that you may be here on the 15th.

Won't you, in order to help me, tell Mr. and Mrs. Hinds that we should love to have them, and also Mr. Howard and my friend, Otto Emme.

Confidentially, I thought you might have an opportunity to mingle around and meet the various Senators--which might not damage the position of California in connection with water, even though I hope there will not be too much water used at the Carlton that evening.

Please tell Mrs. Whitsett I have not forgotten I was to send her my speech - "Who Can Preserve Representative Democracy?," but I have had to write up to Kearny for a copy.

Please let me know when you have had a chance to contact the gentlemen regarding the cocktail party, and meantime I want you to know it was delightful to have had you at that little informal "bite" at the Mayflower the other

evening.

With kindest regards and best wishes, I remain

Sincerely yours,

AWH:mh

J. R. RICHARDS
621 SOUTH SPRING STREET
LOS ANGELES

RECEIVED
MAR 1945
THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

Mar 26

Dear Paul:

I wish you'd write a letter addressed to the War Production Board, - 1013 S. Broadway, L.A. Just forwarded to me at 2450 Glendower ave. L.A. I wish to attach it to my application to that Board,

Im applying for priority to permit the Sedgwick Machine Co, to place an Electric Stair-Traveler between 1st & 2nd floor at my home. 75% of the materials are on hand & no alterations of the home are needed.

Im willing to say that 1/2 restoration of my work would be worth while.

(over)

Tell them I still represent L. A. on the boards -

Hope this is OK for you

Sincerely

J R Richards

March 28, 1945

War Production Board
1013 South Broadway
Los Angeles 15, California

Gentlemen:

Mr. John R. Richards, a member of the Board of Directors of The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, representing the City of Los Angeles, and Chairman of its important Finance and Insurance Committee, informs me that he has made application for a permit to install an electric stair traveler in his home.

Because of serious illness, Mr. Richards has been prevented from attending the meetings of the District. His services are urgently required in many important affairs of the District, some of which are directly related to the War effort. We respectfully urge that you give Mr. Richards' application every possible consideration. Anything that would aid his recovery and permit an early resumption of his official duties would be greatly in the interests of the District and the community of Southern California.

Yours very truly,

W. P. Whitsett, Chairman of the
Board of Directors of the
Metropolitan Water District of
Southern California

W. Hays
D. W.

March 26, 1945

Mr. Will Hays
28 West 44th Street
New York 18, New York

Dear Will:

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One of the incomprehensible phases of this Treaty fight is the failure of the Republicans to give us the support which we had every right to expect. You will recall that the enabling legislation for Boulder Dam and the All American Canal were carried through during Republican administrations. They will forever stand as fine illustrations of well conceived and well executed public projects.

Now we find the Republican support being, to a very great extent, thrown behind a treaty with a foreign power which will cut the foundations out from under these projects. Many of our leading Republican statesmen seem willing to do this in the fear that they might otherwise be labeled isolationists. This is a discouraging situation, but we will have to meet it the best we can. In the long run, I think the Party and many of the Senators concerned will suffer politically if this iniquitous treaty is ratified in its present form.

With sincerest regards,

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W. P. Whitesell

Whitsett

April 5, 1945

Mrs. Nellie N. Coffman
Desert Inn
Palm Springs, California

Dear Mrs. Coffman:

I have just recently returned from an extended business trip to Washington in connection with the pending Mexican Treaty, which you have no doubt read about in the newspapers, and take this first opportunity of expressing my very deep appreciation for the splendid manner in which you entertained Senator and Mrs. Hawkes and their daughter on their trip out over the Aqueduct. The Senator and his family were delighted with your hospitality and your beautiful institution.

While we were at Washington, the Senator reciprocated by giving us a cocktail party to which were invited all of the Senators and their wives together with many of the members of the diplomatic corps.

He has been one of the leaders of the opposition and has conducted a very patriotic and constructive fight against the ratification of the Treaty.

In the event you might be interested in some of the more intimate phases of the problem, I am enclosing a copy of a letter which Herbert Hoover sent to Senator Hawkes and which the Senator read on the floor of the Senate.

Also enclosed is a copy of my remarks before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee during the hearings on the Treaty, and a pictorial booklet which endeavors to set forth the salient aspects of our opposition.

If we can ever find the time, Mrs. Whitsett and I are planning to run down to pay our respects and rest up a little from this strenuous Treaty fight.

Sincerely,

W. P. Whitsett

Enc 3

June 22, 1945

Mr. W. G. Whitsett
1440 Audubon Street
New Orleans, Louisiana

Dear Gavin:

At the last meeting of our Board, Victor Rossetti told me of his visit to New Orleans and how much he enjoyed meeting with you, and his appreciation of the many courtesies you showed him. I have never known him to express himself so enthusiastically of anyone as he did of you.

Rossetti is one of the outstanding citizens of Southern California. In addition to being a Director of the District and of the Southern Pacific Railway, he has been for years an officer of the Clearing House Association and has been a leader in a great number of civic enterprises. We regard him as the most outstanding independent banker west of Chicago.

I am enclosing a statement of his bank which you may be interested in looking over.

I want to thank you for the splendid reception you gave Mr. Rossetti and the many other helpful courtesies you have extended to me. I hope I have not imposed too much on your good nature.

Sincere regards,

W. P. Whitsett

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STATE OF CALIFORNIA

OFFICE OF THE

Secretary of State

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT

W. P. WHITSETT

WHOSE SIGNATURE IS INSCRIBED HEREON IS

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Colorado River Board of California

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STATE OF CALIFORNIA
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# Secretary of State
SACRAMENTO 3

January 21, 1946.

FRANK M. JORDAN
SECRETARY OF STATE

W. P. Whitsett, Member
Colorado River Board of California
811 Washington Bldg.
Los Angeles, California

Dear Sir:

I am enclosing herewith an identification card for the year 1946, which I trust may be of some help to you.

With kindest wishes for the New Year, I am

Sincerely yours,

Frank M. Jordan

Secretary of State.

FMJ:bh
Encl.

February 4, 1946

Mr. W. G. Whitsett
1440 Audubon Street
New Orleans, Louisiana

Dear Gavin:

I believe you have met Mr. Otto J. Emme, one of our Directors and a close personal friend of mine.

He and Mrs. Emme are planning to visit New Orleans from February 28 to March 6, but so far have been unable to obtain hotel reservations.

We thought that you might be able to do something on his behalf.

He had in mind stopping at the Hotel Montleon, but I am sure would find anything you might select equally satisfactory.

Anything you might do on behalf of Mr. Emme and his wife would be very much appreciated by them and by me.

With sincerest regards and best wishes,

Yours very truly,

W. P. Whitsett

Rancho Califlora
6711 Van Nuys Boulevard
Van Nuys, California

February 8, 1946

My Dear Barbara, Eleanore and Frances:

Yesterday, I wished you all could have been with me. I took my new JEEP and drove up to your father's ranch, to see if the cattle would be frightened by it. Instead of being afraid, they seemed crazy about it. They came over and started to lick it, as if were their mother; and if the jeep had had hair, it would have gotten a good marcel wave.

While Frank Juarado was showing me how he had been feeding the calves, I heard the horn blow. I quickly looked back and there was a whiteface nosing around trying to see how to run the thing. I honestly think if I had gone too far away, they might have gotten in and driven off.

Then the photographer from the Van Nuys News drove up in his car, and took several pictures, one of which he had in the paper which came out this afternoon. I'm sending you the page, so you can see it. But one of the pictures actually shows a calf licking the jeep; and another has a splendid picture of Frank Juarado. I am ordering some more of those two pictures made, so you all can have one.

The newspaper man was so excited over this first jeep of its kind in the valley, and about the reception the calves gave it, that he got his story mixed up a bit - saying the picture was taken on my ranch instead of your Dad's. Guess the jeep salesman was really to blame, for he had taken me over the Oxnard ranch to demonstrate the car there - and then we thought the picture would be nicer with the cattle in it.

So you will know what a really smart little fellow "Willy Jeep" is, I am sending you a book written about him. Ask Frank Real to read the book too; and then see if he thinks Nip would follow it as well as he follows Red. I may become a cowboy myself if the dog likes Willy Jeep as well as the cattle do.

Ida still seems afraid of the Jeep. Says it bucks too badly with me driving. Just as soon as I can get her used to it we'll be coming up to see you.

Our love to your Mother, Dad, and baby Nancy Jo.

Devotedly,

W. P. Whitsett

February 8, 1946

Dr. R. A. Millikan, President
California Institute of Technology
1201 East California Street
Pasadena, California

Dear Dr. Millikan:

We very much appreciate receiving your letter commenting upon your recent trip over the Colorado River Aqueduct and to Boulder Dam. It was with some surprise I learned that this was your first inspection of the Aqueduct and feel that we have been remiss in not urging you to make the trip sooner, particularly during the construction period.

You express surprise in the intimate relationship between the Aqueduct and the Boulder Dam project. In addition to the necessity of power development at Boulder Dam for the pumping of water in the Aqueduct, it was the contracts that the District and the other agencies in Southern California entered into which made the construction of the Dam possible. Boulder Dam is unique among Federal projects in that it is completely self-liquidating with interest. Also, I might point out that without the Colorado River water and the power supply from Boulder Dam, Southern California's contribution to the War effort could not have been anywhere nearly as great as it was.

We are ever mindful of the important part which your institution had in the success of the Aqueduct. The tests and experiments in your laboratories made possible the successful design of the District's large pumps and the unprecedented efficiencies which resulted. The enormour savings effected will redound to the benefit of Southern California throughout the years.

I want to thank you for your comments and to express the hope that we may again have the opportunity of enabling you and your associates to go over the project, possibly in more detail, in the not distant future.

Yours very truly,

W. P. Whitsett

CALIFORNIA INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY
PASADENA

February 12, 1946

Mr. W. P. Whitsett
Metropolitan Water District
306 West Third Street
Los Angeles 13

Dear Mr. Whitsett:

I appreciate more than I can tell you your very kind letter of February 8th in which you recognize so fully our effort at the Institute to be of service through assistance to the Metropolitan Water Board.

Very cordially yours,

Robert A. Millikan

RAM:IH

*Louisville & Nashville Railroad Company*
*Passenger Traffic Department*
*1413 Whitney Bank Building*
*New Orleans 12, La.*

W. G. WHITSETT.
GENERAL PASSENGER AGENT
LINES SOUTH OF BIRMINGHAM

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THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

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February 14,1946

Air Mail

Mr. W. P. Whitsett, Chairman,
The Metropolitan Water District,
306 West Third Street,
Los Angeles 13, Calif.

Dear Cousin Paul:

Since your letter of February 4th, I have been trying to get a hotel room for Mr. and Mrs. Emme, to be in New Orleans from February 28th to March 6th.

I regret very much to say that every hotel has turned me down. They advise that they are completely booked up without anything in reserve.

I succeeded in getting a hotel room for some casual acquaintances just two days before I got your letter. I certainly do regret that I had not received your letter a couple of days earlier.

I wish you would let me know if they are planning to come to New Orleans, even without a reservation, and if so I will continue to handle the matter of trying to get accommodations. However, the condition here during Mardi Gras is really chaotic, as far as hotel accommodations are concerned.

Again let me say how very sorry I am that I have not been able to get anything for your friends.

With kindest regards from all of us, I am

Sincerely

Gavin

February 19, 1946

Mr. W. G. Whitsett
1440 Audubon Street
New Orleans, Louisiana

Dear Gavin:

Thank you ever so much for the trouble you went to in trying to get reservations for Mr. and Mrs. Emme. If you couldn't get them, I am sure they just can't be gotten. Also realizing how busy you are, I can doubly appreciate the inroads on your time and energy which a task of this kind would entail.

Mr. Emme is well aware of the housing situation in New Orleans and has asked me to convey to you the appreciation of himself and Mrs. Emme for all of the trouble you have gone to in their behalf.

I believe they plan to make the trip as originally intended having gotten their transportation reservations some time ago.

Through some connection he has lined up a room in a private family for the period of his stay, so it will, therefore, not be necessary for you to make any further efforts in his behalf.

Thanking you again and with best wishes to you all, I am

Sincerely,

**BOULDER DAM POWER DECENNIAL**

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November 15, 1946

Mr. W. P. Whitsett, Chairman
Metropolitan Water Board
The Metropolitan Water District
of Southern California
306 West Third Street
Los Angeles, 13, California

Dear Mr. Whitsett:

On behalf of the Boulder Dam Power Decennial Committee, I take this opportunity to express our thanks for your attendance and support in making this commemoration a success. We do appreciate your cooperation.

We believe The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California will share greatly in the benefits accruing to those sponsoring this observance of Boulder Dam's tenth year of power production.

Best wishes, sincerely

Earl J. Brothers
Executive Committee Chairman

EJB:dd

**Saluting Boulder Dam on its tenth year of power production**

Honoring the people of the Colorado River basin states *Arizona, California, Colorado, Nevada, New Mexico, Utah, Wyoming* whose initiative brought forth Boulder Dam, making possible:

★ the availability of electrical energy to a wide area

★ the prevention of floods

★ the conservation of water

★ the maximum utilization of the water resources of this great river system

December 12, 1946

Mr. J. A. H. Kerr, Vice President
Security-First National Bank
of Los Angeles
502 South Spring Street
Los Angeles, California

Dear Mr. Kerr:

I want to thank you for your recent letter generously commenting upon the part I may have played in the original conception and enlargement of the Metropolitan Water District.

I would have acknowledged it sooner but I have had to be away from the City on District affairs much of the time since it arrived.

I particularly appreciate such an expression from you because I know how closely you have followed the progress of the District since its inception and the development of the Colorado River even prior to that time.

Yours very truly,

W. P. Whitsett

SECURITY-FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF LOS ANGELES
SAVINGS COMMERCIAL TRUST

FIFTH & SPRING OFFICE
502 SOUTH SPRING
LOS ANGELES

J. A. H. KERR
VICE PRESIDENT

November 25, 1946

Mr. W. P. Whitsett
Chairman of the Board
Metropolitan Water District of
Southern California
306 West Third Street
Los Angeles, California

Dear Mr. Whitsett:

May I extend to you my sincere congratulations on the ultimate realization of your plans, outlined to me and others many years ago, of consolidating in the Metropolitan Water District all of the principal communities in Los Angeles County and in the territory South to the Mexican border, now attained by the recent annexation election held in the San Diego area.

The credit for this belongs to you more than to any other one man. You have led our fight in California and elsewhere from the beginning in a highly intelligent and efficient manner. In the years ahead (commencing during your lifetime, I hope) the citizens of Southern California will recognize and acknowledge your services in their behalf.

Regards.

Sincerely yours,

JAHK:NH

W.P. Whitsett

From--The Metropolitan Water District
of Southern California

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

**Released to Times, Exam. News, Herald-Express, news services, District dailies and L.A. Community papers, San Diego & Oceanside.**

After serving for 18 years as a member and chairman of the Board of Directors of The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, W. P. Whitsett announced today (January 6) that he has handed in his resignation as a member of the Board to Mayor Fletcher Bowron of Los Angeles.

Chairman Whitsett was appointed as one of the Los Angeles directors on the governing board of the Metropolitan Water District when it was first organized in 1928. He was elected chairman of the Board when it was permanently organized in January 1929, and has been unanimously reelected eight times to serve a total of nine two-year terms.

When Mr. Whitsett took over the chairmanship of the Metropolitan Water District, the giant Colorado River aqueduct was still in the blueprint stage. He strongly urged the construction of the water supply system that would deliver water from the Colorado River to Los Angeles and neighboring cities comprising the Metropolitan Water District. He was one of Southern California's foremost leaders in advocating the $220,000,000 bond issue to finance the building of the aqueduct, and this bond issue was authorized by a four to one majority of the people in September 1931.

During the years that Mr. Whitsett has presided as chairman of the Board, the Colorado River aqueduct, longest and largest domestic water supply line in the United States, was constructed at a cost $22,000,000 less than the original estimates, and was placed

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in operation in the summer of 1941. A few months after the great aqueduct began the delivery of Colorado River aqueduct water to Southern California cities, America was plunged into World War II, and the aqueduct was prepared to deliver the water required to sustain Southern California's mushrooming war industries and military and naval establishments.

In handing his resignation to Mayor Bowron, Chairman Whitsett said:

"The time has come when I feel, for a number of reasons, that I must relinquish my office as a director of the District representing the City of Los Angeles. Many things I have deferred doing to give my time to this great project - and I find the time running short if they are to be done. In tendering my resignation, I do so with the reluctance natural in giving up a work which has for so long been close to my heart."

Before he was appointed as a member of the Metropolitan Water District Board, Chairman Whitsett served from 1924 to 1929 as a member of the Board of Commissioners of the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power. While serving on this Commission he vigorously supported the launching of the Colorado River aqueduct project, the original surveys for which were set under way by the City of Los Angeles in 1923, five years before the Metropolitan Water District was organized.

Mr. Whitsett was the founder of the town of Van Nuys, and has been prominent nearly forty years in the development of the San Fernando Valley from an arid area of barley and bean fields into one of Southern California's most prosperous residential and industrial sections.

His resignation was handed to Mayor Bowron for the reason that directors of the Metropolitan Water District are appointed by the mayors or chief executive officers of the cities or areas which they represent. Other Los Angeles directors serving with Chairman Whitsett on the District Board are Otto J. Emme, Perry H. Greer, Joseph Jensen, D. W. Pontius, John R. Richards, and Victor H. Rossetti.

The Metropolitan Water District now includes fifteen cities and areas, one of which is the San Diego County Water Authority which was annexed by a 14 to 1 vote of its people on November 5 of last year.

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